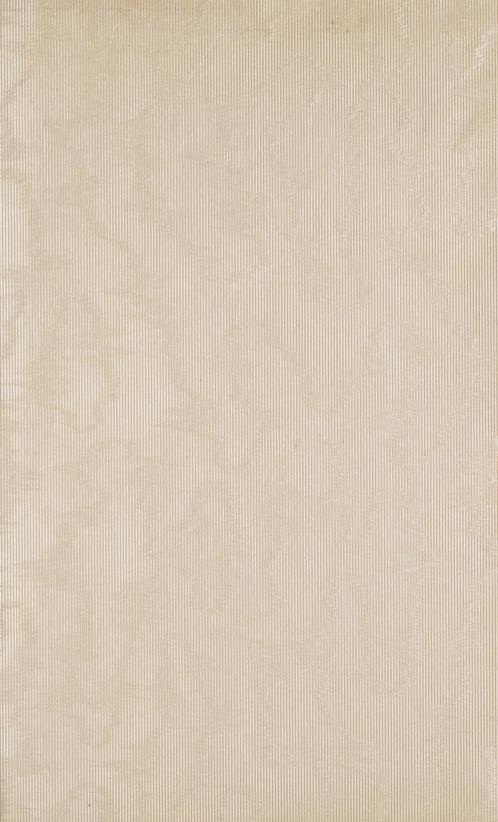




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### ANNUAL REPORT

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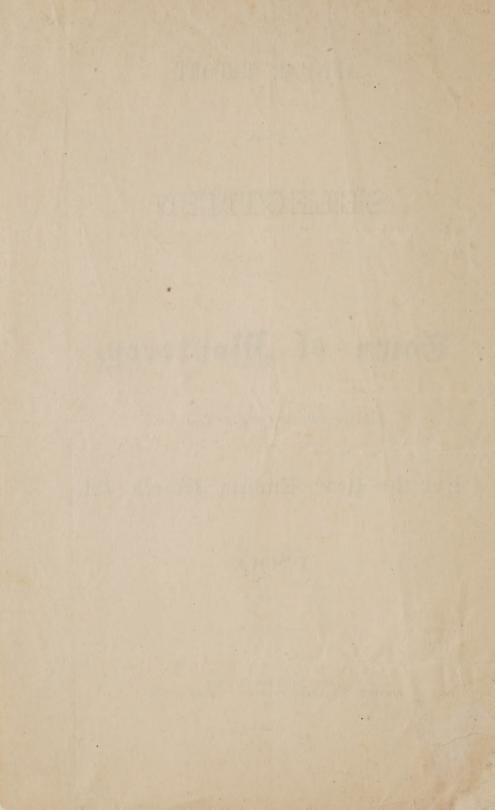
# Town of Monterey,

And their Settlement with the Treasurer,

For the Year Ending March 1st,

1890.

GREAT BARRINGTON, MASS.
CHARLES N. GILBERT, PRINTER—COURIER OFFICE.
1890.



#### TREASURER'S REPORT.

1889 ELI BILLS, TREASU	URER. Dr.
Feb. 23, For cash on hand at last settleme	nt, \$195 35
Mch. 4, Received from H. P. Fargo, for g	
" 12, Borrowed from M. S. Bidwell,	300 00
Apr. 6, Received from Geo. H. Wheeler,	auctioneer license, 2 00
" 27, " " Mm. S. Bidwell,	" 2 00
May 1, Borrowed from bank,	500 00
June 12, " W. S. Bidwell,	300 00
Dec. 16, Received corporation tax,	58 71
" 17, " national bank tax, " " State aid	137 64
Source taret,	112 00
1890	
Jan. 8, Borrowed from fund society,	150 00
" 28, Received income from school fund	
" 31, " from dog fund,	25 00
Feb. 20, " Henry Purdy, colle	ector. 2,828 43
	\$4,916 96
1889 ELI BILLS, TREASUR	RER, Cr.
By paying outstanding orders,	190 18
Mch. 14, Interest on Frank Conle	
July 26, Borrowed money and in	
Sept. 1, Note in National Mahaiv	
Nov. 1, County tax,	412 27
Dec. 10, State tax,	240 00
Abatements of assessors,	, 21 68
Selectmen's orders for cu	rrent year, 2,685 79
Treasurer, for services,	15 00
For stamps and statione	
Cash on hand,	508 79
	\$4,916 96



### College of Police Science The City University of New York

235 EAST 20TH STREET NEW YORK, N. Y. 10003

OREGON 7-113

This file of Monterey town reports has been a pleasant collecting hobby for over fifteen years. It has taken that length of time to assemble this collection which is to be bound in eight volumes and deposited in the Monterey Public Library.

The set covers the years 1863 thru 1965 and includes the reports of the Southern Berkshire Regional School District after that organization was formed.

For some years it was thought that the 1893 report, that had been found among Andrew Hall's papers, was the earliest to be published. Then Nina and Della Tryon located a series of earlier reports in their collection, the first being the 1888 report.

Before concluding that 1888 was the first town report to be printed we wrote the Massachusetts State Department and learned that a complete file for the years 1863 thru 1887 was in existence and in the State Library. All were in printed form except 1871 and 1875. The full set was very generously loaned by the State Librarian for copying.

It is now probably correct to assume that there were earlier reports than 1863 that were printed. By the time Monterey was incorporated, in 1847, it was the usual procedure with Massachusetts towns to print the town reports. It is the hope of the Monterey Historical Society that the search will continue and that as earlier reports are found they will be added to this collection.

Many people in town have assisted in this project. Special appreciation is owed to Della and Nina Tryon and to Mr. and Mrs. Julius D. Miner. The binding, which will be done in Portugal, is the gift of Ida Brewer Washburn and Howard D. Washburn in recognition of very pleasant years in Monterey.

Howard D. Washburn

February 22, 1966



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Mch. 14,	Interest on Frank Conley's note,	40 00
July 26,	Borrowed money and interest,	302 25
	Note in National Mahaiwe Bank,	<b>5</b> 00 00
	County tax,	412 27
Dec. 10,	State tax,	240 00
	Abatements of assessors,	21 68
	Selectmen's orders for current year,	2,685 79
	Treasurer, for services,	15 00
	For stamps and stationery,	1 00
	Cash on hand,	508 79
		\$4,916 96



#### SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

#### CONTINGENT EXPENSES.

Paid A. M. Shaw, for road machine blade and freight,	\$ 8	55
for new ballot system, lumber and work,	6	00
running Town lines New Marlboro and Otis,	12	88
postage and stationery,	10	00
driving hearse, and statistics,	12	00
to Wm. Hall, for wire fence,	3	50
Wm. S? Bidwell, sealer of weights and measures,	5	00
meeting house society for use of basement,	25	00
H. C. Stedman, for work on burying ground,	2	00
J. McMannus, " " " "	2	00
Town of New Marlboro on road case,	$\dot{25}$	00
Courier office for printing Selectmen's report,	7	00
" "School committee's repo	ort, 5	00
•		
	\$123	93
CASH ITEMS FOR TREASURER.		
Paid M. S. Bidwell, borrowed money and interest,	\$302	50
interest to Fund society on notes,		40
" "National Mahaiwe Bank on note,		25
	<b>\$</b> 359	15
POOR.		
Paid Susan Grover, for support of Albert Mincely,	\$104	00
Nancy Heath for support of Martha Pomeroy,	113	
James McMannus, for care of W. H. Morse,	145	
James Noteware, " " "	3	75
Peter Anthony, " " "	50	00
Dr. B. D. Pease, for attendance on W. H. Morse,	9	76
" Lizzie Markham,	2	00
" " Elbridge Smith,	5	00
Bidwell & Langdon, for sundries to " "	, 3	70
" support of W. H. Morse,	-38	30
" " clothes for Albert Mincely,	4	75
Mrs. E. J. Goeway, making shirts for W. H. Morse,		75
I. F. Loom, for fresh meat for W. H. Morse,	11	44
M. S. Bidwell, care and supplies " "	11	00
11		

Paid F. G. Heath, shoes and expenses for Albert Mincel	ev, \$5	00
Mrs. Wm. E. Hall, for boarding Alice Pinney,		00
H. C. Stedman, for looking after " "		00
Expense on Maria Wells case,	7	00
Town of Otis, for burying Frank Mincely,	16	00
20, 11 02 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0		
	\$546	60
	\$940	00
STATE AID.		
Paid Timothy Curtin,	\$72	00
SCHOOLS.		
Paid Mrs. Ellen Almsted, cleaning school house, \$ 4 00	)	
Wm. Martin, cleaning school house, 5 00		
		20
, , ,	7	30
Chester Burrows, repairing school house, 22 50		
Bert E. Tryon, " " 13 00	)	
Wm. Hart, " " 19, 25		
J. H. Bills, " " " 5 00		
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J. E. & M. E. Langdon, for lumber, 5 87		47
M. V. Thomson, for school supplies, 75 30		
Bidwell & Langdon, " " 13 04		
		00
o. Li. Iwing,		82
Miss Lottie Dowd, teaching, \$48 and \$54 102 00		
Carrie J. Hall, " 50 and 60 110 00	)	
May Cutting, " 60 and 60 120 00		
Wallace M. Townsend, teaching 55 00		
Ola D. Hewey,		
Lucy Shaver, " 40 50		
Lizzie Makeley, teach'g, \$84 and \$77.34, 161 34	- 657	84
Hyland Dowd, for wood for schools, 12 75		
F. Broker, " " 14 50		
		or.
A. 5. 11an,		25
M. J. Fitzpatrick, for carrying scholars, 11 50		
Fred Forest, " 5 00		
Wm. Forest, " " 5 00	_ 21	50
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	4603	00
	\$893	00
HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.		
	åC19	00
Paid Albert Dowd, road commissioner,	\$613	
H. C. Stedman, work on bridge,	. 8	00
M. S. Bidwell, plank for bridges,	9	86
H. J. Hall, work on bridge,	10	00
Geo. W. Shultis, work on bridge,	13	
Seldon Downs, work on highway,		00
F. G. Heath, plank for bridges and sluices,	. 10	
Charles Wright, work on road,	3	00
	\$671	25
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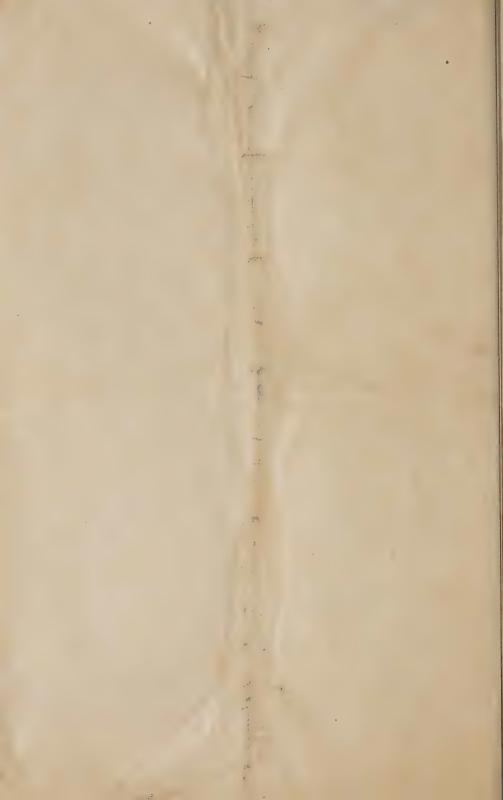
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postage and stationery,	10	
driving hearse, and statistics,	12	
to Wm. Hall, for wire fence,		50
Wm. S. Bidwell, sealer of weights and measures,		00
meeting house society for use of basement,	25	
H. C. Stedman, for work on burying ground,		00
J. McMannus, " " " "		00
,	$\frac{2}{25}$	
Town of New Marlboro on road case,		00
Courier office for printing Selectmen's report,		0.0
" " School committee's repo	ort, o	00
	\$123	93
CASH ITEMS FOR TREASURER.		
Paid M. S. Bidwell, borrowed money and interest,	*302	50
interest to Fund society on notes,	46	40
" National Mahaiwe Bank on note,	10	25
	<b>\$</b> 359	15
POOR.		
Paid Susan Grover, for support of Albert Mincely,	\$104	00
Nancy Heath for support of Martha Pomeroy,	113	
James McMannus, for care of W. H. Morse,	145	
James Noteware, " " "		75
Peter Anthony, " " "	50	
Dr. B. D. Pease, for attendance on W. H. Morse,		76
" " Lizzie Markham,		00
" " Elbridge Smith,		00
Bidwell & Langdon, for sundries to ""		70
" " support of W. H. Morse,	38	
" clothes for Albert Mincely,		75
Mrs. E. J. Goeway, making shirts for W. H. Morse,	. **	75
I. F. Loom, for fresh meat for W. H. Morse,	11	
M. S. Bidwell, care and supplies " "	11	
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Paid F. G. Heath, shoes and expenses for Albert Minceley,	\$5	00
Mrs. Wm. E. Hall, for boarding Alice Pinney,		00
H. C. Stedman, for looking after " "	4	00
Expense on Maria Wells case,	7	00
Town of Otis, for burying Frank Mincely,	16	00
	\$546	60
STATE AID.	\$72	00
Paid Timothy Curtin,	⊕14	00
SCHOOLS.		
Paid Mrs. Ellen Almsted, cleaning school house, \$ 4 00		
Wm. Martin, cleaning school house, 5 00	0	
Mrs. Alma Hall, cleaning school house, 2 00—	\$ 11	30
Chester Burrows, repairing school house, 22 50		
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Will. Halt,		
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g. r. onsword,	00	4 100
J. E. & M. E. Langdon, for lumber, 587—	68	47
M. V. Thomson, for school supplies, 75 30		
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Miss Lottie Dowd, teaching, \$48 and \$54 102 00		
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May Cutting, " 60 and 60 120 00		
Wallace M. Townsend, teaching 55 00		
Ora B. Rewey,		
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Lizzie Makeley, teach'g, \$84 and \$77.34, 161 34—	657	84
Hyland Dowd, for wood for schools, 12 75		
F. Droker,	40	0=
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M. J. Fitzpatrick, for carrying scholars, 11 50		
Fred Forest,	21	~0
Wm. Forest, " " 5 00—	21	50
	\$893	88
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HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.		
Paid Albert Dowd, road commissioner,	\$613	
H. C. Stedman, work on bridge,		00
M. S. Bidwell, plank for bridges,		86
H. J. Hall, work on bridge,		
Geo. W. Shultis, work on bridge,	13	
Seldon Downs, work on highway,		00
F. G. Heath, plank for bridges and sluices,	10	
Charles Wright, work on road,	3	00
	¢671	25
	\$671	00

TOWN OFFICERS.		0
Paid M. S. Bidwell, chairman selectmen, H. C. Stedman, selectman,	$^{\circ}$ $\$35$ 0 $=$ 8 0	
F. G. Heath, "	20 0	
M. V. Thomson, assessor,	10 0	0
Geo. W. Morse, "	16 2	
H. P. Fargo, M. V. Thomson, school committee,	14 0 9 0	
J. L. Twing, " "	19 0	
H. W Langdon, Town clerk,	22 9	
C. D. Twing, auditor,	3 ()	
Horace Purdy, " H. C. Stedman, "	3 0	
H. C. Stedman, "	2 0	-
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RECAPITULATION.	#0.000 -	_
Amount of Orders given by Selectmen,	\$2,829 1	.1
For support of poor, \$546 60 State aid, 72 00		
Highways and bridges, 671 35		
Town officers, 162 20		
Schools, 893 88		
Contingent expenses, 123 93 Cash items for Treasu er, 3 359 15-	_ 2,829 1	1
a a	- 2,020 I	1
ASSETS OF TOWN.  Cash on hand, \$508 79		
Notes of Town for school fund, 351 35		
Amount due for State aid, 72 00		
School books on hand, 150 00		
O. B. Markham, land, 75 00 Hearse, 250 00		
Hearse, 250 00 Road tools and machine, 275 00		
H. P. Fargo's note, 58 50		
Due from Henry Purdy, collector, 60 00-	- <b>\$1</b> ,800 €	34
Balance against the Town,	763 0	)3
	\$2,563 6	57
LIABILITIES.		
Note to Frank Conley,	\$1,000 0	
Notes to Town for school fund, Fund society,	$\begin{array}{r} 351 \ 3 \\ 925 \ 0 \end{array}$	
Outstanding orders,	140 3	
Due to school teachers and for supplies,	147 0	
	\$2,563	37
M. S. BIDWELL, ) Selectmen		1
H. C. STEDMAN, > of		
F. G. HEATH, Monterey Monterey, February 20th, 1890.	9	



TOWN OFFICERS.			
Paid M. S. Bidwell, chairman selectmen,		\$35	00
H. C. Stedman, selectman,		***	00
F. G. Heath, "		20	
M. V. Thomson, assessor,		10	
Geo. W. Morse, "		16	
H. P. Fargo, "		14	00
M. V. Thomson, school committee,		9	00
J. L. Twing, "		19	00
H. W. Langdon, Town clerk,		. 22	
C. D. Twing, auditor,			0.0
Horace Purdy, "			00
H. C. Stedman, "		2	00
RECAPITULATION		\$162	20
Amount of Orders given by Selectmen,	•	\$2,829	11
For support of poor,	\$546		
State aid,	72		
Highways and bridges,	671		
Town officers,	162		
Schools,	893	88	
Contingent expenses,	123	93	
Cash items for Treasurer,	359	15-2,829	11
ASSETS OF TOWN			
Cash on hand,	\$508	79	
Notes of Town for school fund,	351	35	
Amount due for State aid,		00	
School books on hand.	150		
O. B. Markham, land,		00	
Hearse,	250		
Road tools and machine,	275	50	
H. P. Fargo's note, Due from Henry Purdy, collector,		00-\$1,800	e (
Balance against the Town,	00	763	
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Note to Frank Conley,		\$1,000	00
Notes to Town for school fund,		351	
Fund society,		925	
Outstanding orders,		140	
Due to school teachers and for supplies,		147	
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H. C. STEDMAN.			

H. C. STEDMAN, of F. G. HEATH, Monterey, Monterey, February 20th, 1890.



### REPORT

-OF THE-

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

# TOWN OF MONTEREY,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 2.

1891.

Press of Berkshire Courier Company.

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#### REPORT.

Another school year has passed, and, as your committee review the work of the year, we realize more than ever the need of better and more skillful school supervision. As we look back over the year we see some mistakes, some plans that seemed to promise well, but which failed through circumstances over which we had no control, and perhaps some which experience has proved unwise; but we can only say in defense, that what we have done was done with a purpose to do what we honestly thought was for the best interests of the greatest numbers under existing circumstances.

During the year schools have been maintained aggregating one hundred and sixty-two weeks, being (wenty weeks more than last year.

The average price paid teachers has been five dollars and eighty-five cents per week, or sixteen cents more than last year.

With the exception of one term, in one school, we have had teachers of some experience.

The winter term of some of the schools was maintained under difficulties. In some, sickness and fear of contagion lessened the attendance, and the severe weather of December affected the attendance of all more or less. In spite of all these hindrances we think the year's work will compare favorably with that of former years.

During the terms of school we have held teacher's meetings monthly, which were attended by nearly all the teachers, and resulted in improvement in teaching, some of the teachers making marked improvement over their last year's work.

These meetings are in line with the changes which are taking place in educational work. The schools and methods of a few years ago are not satisfactory, and the public is calling for something better. The time is past when people are satisfied with a teacher if she only knows something of the branches to be taught, and is able and willing to do a generous amount of flogging. She must be able to teach others, that is, to cause them to learn what she knows.

She should, by reading and study, obtain a clear idea of what a school should be, in fact set before herself an ideal school and then give herself thoroughly to the work of making her school as nearly like her ideal as possible.

We have expended from the income of the State fund twenty-four dollars for maps. We have exchanged introductory arithmetics and would advise exchanging the second book in arithmetic. The old books are in bad condition, and they can be exchanged for a new series much cheaper than to purcha e new ones of the same kind. It will be necessary to purchase several new geographies for the coming year. We have a few new ones, and there should be new ones in every school, as they give the results of the census of 1890, and much other new matter. We would advise an appropriation of not less than sixty dollars for books.

Following the suggestion of the committee of last year, we have painted the school house at the Old Center, and relaid the chimney at Corashire. In August our town was visited by Mr. Merriam, inspector of public buildings, and we received orders from him to provide better ventilation for the village school house. As chapter 149 of the Acts of 1888, provides that the neglect of such orders for four weeks makes the school committee liable to a fine of one hundred dollars, we thought best to act at once in the matter. After some correspondence with two different companies which make a specialty of such work, and also with the inspector relative to what was necessary to be done, we placed in the school house a ventilator of galvanized iron, and a jacket around the stove with a fresh air box opening inside the jacket from outside the building. Owing to the peculiar construction of the building, of which your committee was ignorant, the work is not as satisfactory as was expected. We think that a box leading from the front of the platform to the ventilating flue would overcome the difficulty. The cost of the ventilator, as it stands, was about sixty five dollars. This amount we gave orders for as the bills were sent to us, but it ought not to be taken from the school appropriations but from the appropriation for contingent expenses, as it was an unlooked for and unprovided for expense.

There are various repairs necessary the coming year, and we would advise an appropriation of seventy-five dollars for repairs.

There were eighty-five children of school age in town May 1st, 1890.

We would call especial attention to chapter 384 of the Acts of 1890, changing the minimum period of school attendance from twenty weeks to thirty. We call attention to this as it is the custom of some to keep their children out of school during the spring term. It has sometimes happened that, on account of sickness or other causes, some scholars have not had even twenty weeks schooling. Under the new law all scholars between the ages of eight and fourteen

years must begin attending school at the commencement of the school year.

It seems strange that it should be necessary for the State to enact such laws to give children an education, for one would naturally think parents would wish to give their children the best possible advantages, as regards education and training, but we find some, even in this town, who seem to be willing to defraud their own children of what is worth more to them than money, for the paltry amount they can earn at home. It is a shame and disgrace for any parents to deny their children the privilege of attending school regularly whenever a school is open within reach of them, and it is a wise and wholesome law which lays a heavy penalty on this kind of robbery, for it is nothing less than robbery to thus cheat children out of an education which rightfully belongs to them.

#### FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

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Appropriation for Support of Schools,

Monterey, Mass., March 2d, 1891.

Appropriation for Renairs

Appropriation for 1	tepairs,			90	UU
Appropriation for I	Books.			50	00
Received from Stat				305	
Received from Dog					75
Received from Tow					20
Balance from last y	ear,			18	89
				91110	20
				\$1,140	30
	EX	XPE	ENSES.		
For Teaching,	\$948	50	For Wood,	\$51	75
Books,		26	,		00
Repairs,			Ventilator,		75
			Sundries,		85
Cleaning School	Houses, J	00	Sunaries,	24	00
7	Total,			\$1,204	46
Deducting for				64	
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For the Year ending March 1st.

1892.

GREAT BARRINGTON, MASS: EDWARD Y. FOOTE, BOOK AND JOB PRINTER

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### TREASUREI REPORT.

1891.	W. F. MINER,	TREASURER.	Dr.
Received o	of M. V. Thomson, 1890,		\$182 52
recourted o	Eli Bills.	•	288 82
	Town of New Marlboro,		28 51
Borrowed	of Savings Bank,		1,000 00
	Fund Society,		50 00
	National Mahaiwe Bank,	**	500 00
Received o	of W. S. Bidwell, auctioneer	s license,	$\begin{array}{ccc} 2 & 00 \\ 12 & 00 \end{array}$
	J. H. Langdon's estate,		22 97
	Timothy Burke,	h	1 06
	Corporation tax, National Mahaiwe Bank t	ax	108 73
	State aid,	ax,	72 00
	Dog fund.		32 57
	School fund.		342 64
	H. P. Fargo, interest,		7 14
	New Marlboro for schooli	ng,	4 00
	Wm. Forrest,		5 00
	C. Burrows for use of Ma	rkham land, 1890,	3 00
	M. V. B. Spring use of M		2 00
	M. V. Thomson, collector	10r 1891,	2,547 98
			\$5,212 94
1891.	W. F. MINER,	TREASURER,	Cr.
Paid F. Co	onley note and interest,		\$1,040 22
	asurer's Book,		2 00
Nati	ional Mahaiwe Bank interest	,	8 58
	n Stedman, interest,		10 50
E. H	3. Culver, casket for Mrs. B	irke,	20 00
W.	S. Bidwell, for Library,		20 95
	k Note,		$\frac{500}{85}$
	e Treasurer, express,		412 27
	nty tax, on Stanard case,		40 38
	irance on school house.		22 50
	e tax,		180 00
	standing orders,		247 66
	tement, 1890,		5 14
	tement, 1891,		22 14
	ctmen's orders,		2,599 92
Casl	n on hand,		79 83
			\$5,212 94
	SELECTMEN	N'S REPORT.	
		T EXPENSES.	
5 4 2 25 45			
Paid M. V	. Thomson, collector for 189	01,	\$60 12
	. S. Rogers, work on cemete	ery, 1890,	8 00
E. 1	Y. Foote, printing reports,	Commal	5 25 13 60
W. I	<ul><li>H. Wright, services as Town</li><li>S. Bidwell, sealer of weight</li></ul>	Counsel,	13 60 5 00
17.	b. Diancii, scalei of weight	and measures,	9 00

A. M. Shaw, scraper blade and bolts,	9 00
Express and charges on same,	1 25
G. W. Morse, stamps and stationary,	1 10
Dr. B. D. Pease, express and expenses,	5 65
For printing school reports,	5 00
Tot printing voices repeated,	
	\$113 97
Paid W. S. Bidwell, interest on Fund Society notes,	\$57 60
POOR.	
Paid Susan Grover, for Albert Mincely,	\$88 00
Naney Heath for Martha Pomerov	60 00
Nancy Heath, for Martha Pomeroy, Northampton Lunatic Hospital for Mary S. Johnson,	169 46
A. B. Garfield, for H. M. Underwood,	59 47
Mrs. W. Pinney, for care of Mrs. T. Burke,	2 00
Hall & Harmon, for Mrs. Burke,	97
Dr. B. D. Pease, medical attendence at Wm. Forest's,	23 00
For clothes for Albert Mincely,	6 00
R. Langdon, for bringing trunk for H. M. Underwood,	25
	\$409 15
COLLOGIC	4.201. 2.
SCHOOLS.	
Paid for teaching,	\$980 00
Carrying scholars,	40 50
Wood,	62 30
Books and supplies,	69 11
Building fires,	10 50
Cleaning and work on school houses,	21 80
	\$1,184 21
STATE AID.	
Paid Timothy Curtin,	\$60 00
P. H. Sears.	40 00
	\$100 00
	ф100 00
HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.	
Paid Geo. W. Shultis, road commissioner,	\$525 00
H. J. Hall, for work on highway,	27 74
Timothy Burke for work on highway,	12 00
James Martin, work on highway,	14 00
J. Griswold, work on highway,	2 25
Chas. Wright, work on highway,	5 00
For putting up railing on highway,	9 00
	Ø504 00
	\$594 99
TOWN OFFICERS.	
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Paid H. J. Hall, Selectman,	\$25 00
P. C. Harmon, Selectman,	8 00
Geo. W. Morse, Assessor, A. J. Hall, Assessor,	27 50
John Palmer, Assessor,	16 00 16 00
Dr. D. B. Pease, School Committee,	22 50

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Henry Clapp,	10 00
W. F. Miner, Treasurer,	15 00
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	\$140 00
RECAPITU	ILATION .
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Amount of Orders given by S	
For Schools,	\$1,184 21
Poor,	$409.15 \\ 594.99$
Highways and Bridges, Contingent Expenses,	113 97
State Aid,	100 00
Town Officers,	140 00
Interest on Fund notes,	57 60- \$2,599 92
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ASSETS OF	TOWN.
Cash on hand,	\$ 79 83
Notes of Town for School fund,	351 35
School Books on hand,	150 00
Hearse,	250 00
Road Machine and Tools,	275 00
Safe,	130 00
Amount Due for State Aid,	116 00
O. B. Markham land,	75 00 59 50
H. P. Fargo's note, Due from State Corporation Tax,	57 42
Due from Wm. Forest,	18 00
Due from M. V. Thomson, Collector,	438 66— \$2,000 76
Balance against the Town,	677 85
	\$2,678 61
LIABIL	TIFS
Note to Savings Bank,	\$1,000 00
"Town for School Fund, Notes to Fund Society,	351 35
" Mrs. Ellen Stedman,	975 00 175 00
Outstanding Orders,	177 26
,	111 20
	\$2,678 61

H. C. STEDMAN, Selectmen H. J. HALL, of P. C. HARMON, Monterey.

Monterey, February 27th, 1892.

Examined and found correct, February 29th, 1892.

J. L. TWING, AUDITOR.

#### ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

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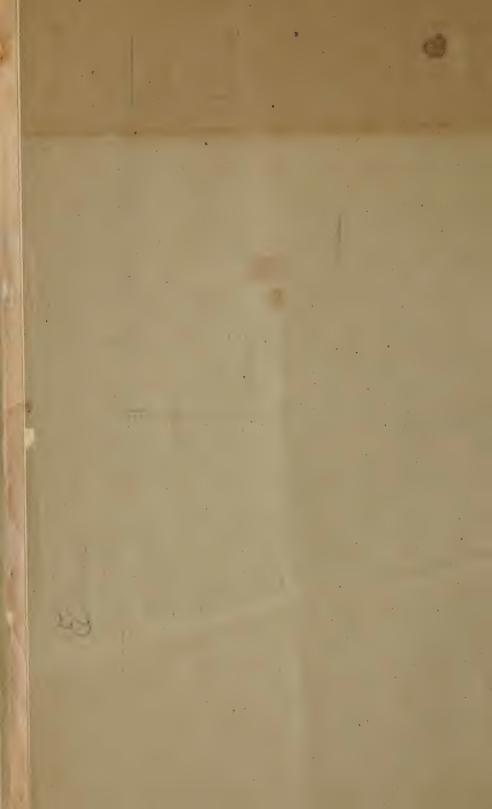
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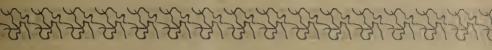
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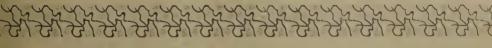
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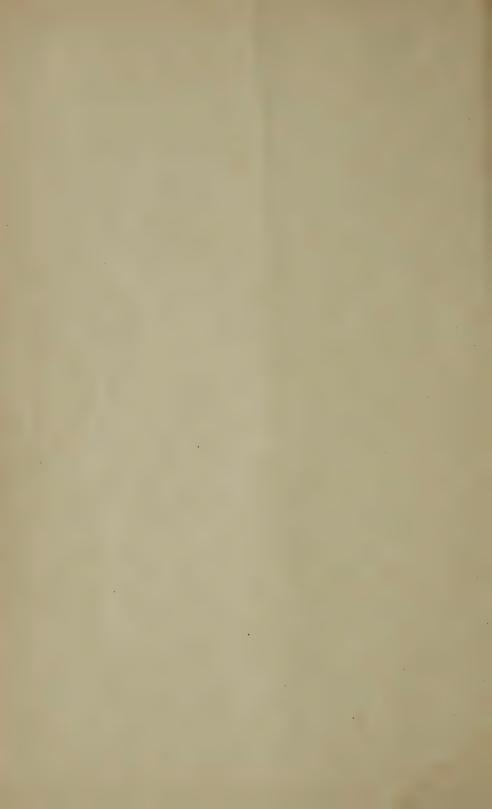
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FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR

1892-3





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#### REPORT

Your Committee, in reviewing the work of the school year, finds, although they have been placed at a disadvantage on some points, that this year has been a remarkably successful one. We have kept one hundred and sixty-one weeks of school, eleven more than last year. The average price paid teachers per week is five dollars and eighty-seven cents, or sixty-nine cents less than last year. The number of pupils of school-age, last year, was seventy-three; whereas, this year, we have had ninety-four. The whole number of pupils attending schools was one hundred and ten.

One disadvantage of your Committee was in having no appropriation for carrying scholars. We think one hundred dollars, judiciously expended in carrying scholars will save the town double that amount with just as good, if not better, results to the pupils. When a school has less than ten pupils the interest in study begins to abate, and there is not sufficient work for the teacher, but place those same pupils in a larger school and there is a healthy competition which tends to a more rapid advancement in all branches.

There were but a small number of pupils in the vicinity of the stone school-house during the spring and fall terms. The people there were very lenient with the town, and asked for no school. Near the commencement of the winter term the number of scholars was increased by the moving in of Mr. Finkle with a number of children of school-age. The people of this section then thought, and rightfully, that something should be done for the schooling of these children. They were satisfied if the children, some of whom were small, could be carried to the Corashire school. So your Committee, with no appropriation, took the responsibility of hiring Mr. Dowd to carry the pupils both ways at an expense of seventy-five cents a day, as the cheapest way out of the predicament.

Your Committee, on receiving the papers of the town, found that the insurance had expired (in January, 1892,) on all the school-houses in town, except the one in the village. The poli-

cies were renewed, immediately, at an expense of twenty-two dollars, which, we think, should be deducted from the contingent expenses of the town, rather than the school committee.

Much complaint was made, at the last annual town meeting, of the condition of the books, and Mr. Clapp, on taking charge of them, thought their condition more than justified the complaints. We were obliged to expend about \$65 for books and supplies before we could open the schools with suitable textbooks. Since then we have expended \$45.77, a total of \$110.77. We think one hundred dollars should be appropriated by the town for books and supplies. This would enable your Committee to buy their books in larger quantities subject to a larger discount. They would, also, be able to keep a supply of books constantly on hand, where now the schools have, sometimes, been kept waiting a week for the necessary books. Our histories and geographies need changing, as the history and geography of our country increases and changes. While visiting some of the schools, we have noticed that pupils having geographies of 1889 edition, had an entirely different lesson from others in the same class with a book of 1891 edition. To have this occur makes it very annoying to both teacher and pupil. The expense for books and supplies this year has been about one dollar and two cents per capita, not a very heavy bill as many of you can remember who have furnished books and supplies for your children or had them furnished you by your parents.

According to Chapter 263, Sec. 1st, year of 1891, towns not required to maintain high school are obliged to pay the tuition of all their pupils who attend high schools in adjoining towns. This, we thought, would be a heavy drain on our school appropriation, and the impression prevailed that by using a little more money than the tuition, and keeping a higher school for the older scholars, that the money would be of more benefit, to the greater number than to pay the tuition of the few. By taking the older pupils from the common schools, and placing them in a higher school, it not only gives them a better opportunity for advancement but also gives the younger ones, by the absence of the older ones, the same opportunity. We believe the High school of years past was a good investment, and think by the keeping of such a school for a few winters both pupils and town will derive

great benefit therefrom.

To have the schools a success, as we all know, nearly all depends on the teachers. That we have had good success in the choice of teachers, the past year, we think our fellow townsmen fully realize. A high grade of teachers must, of a necessity, keep a high grade of schools. We cannot obtain a good class of teachers without paying a liberal price for the work. A teacher who is fitted for the work has no difficulty in obtaining a good price, and if we do not obtain them there are always other towns ready to hire them. Our teachers have been conscientious in

their work, and justly merit the highest praise of all. On this account, and also the good discipline shown in the schools, we have no hesitation in saying that they have occupied as high a rank in the past year as they have for years.

In October a Teachers' Institute was held, from which much benefit was derived. Practical advice and explanation being given, on new methods of teaching, by the members of the State Board of Education, Messrs. Fletcher, Greenough and Sargent.

Thirty teachers, from neighboring towns, were present.

Columbus Day was observed at the Village school house. All the schools in town uniting there. Although the arrangements of the Committee were somewhat hurried, they were so ably seconded by the towns people, many of whom were present, that both young and old reported a very enjoyable occasion.

Seventy-five children were present.

According to the vote of the town, we have built a school house in the Pond district, at an expense of \$201.10. As the bills for repairs had been light we then took our repair money and built a wood house and outbuilding, at an expense of fifty dollars. The work was let, under specifications, to the lowest bidder. A generous public spirit was manifested by the inhabitants of this section. Mr. Wright furnishing the land, the Forrest Bros. and Mr. Kimberly helping about the grading, Mr. Johnson doing at least twelve dollars worth of work on foundation and surroundings. Cash contributions, Mr. Ariail \$10, Arthur Gleason \$8. These subscriptions kept the expense of building and repairs below the appropriation.

We see by the registers that the list of visitors of our schools is increasing. This is a move in the right direction. These are your schools, you support them, visit them and see if the work there is satisfactory. As a committee we advise you to adopt the Superintendent system, in order that your schools may have the oversight which your committee is unable, and in a measure incapable of giving. The law has been amended, so that now

we can form a satisfactory union of towns.

We trust that your knowledge of the importance of the school work of the town will cause you to make generous provision for

the support of schools the coming year,

We would advise the appropriations as follows: Schools, \$700, \$100 of which may be used for carrying scholars; Books, \$100; Repairs, \$50.

#### FINANCIAL.

TEACHING,	
Miss Emma Palmer,	80 00
Miss Bertha Miner,	65 00
Miss Grace Fenn,	170 00
Miss Delia Curtin,	126 00
Miss May Cutting,	130 00
Miss Mabel Heath.	140 00
Jennie Thompson,	120 00
Jennie Thompson, Miss Bernice Morse, Miss Clara Woodin,	104 50
Miss Clara Woodin,	80 00-\$1,015 50
BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.	
American Book Company,	\$89 34
Ginn & Company	8 33
George S. Perry,	2 05
American Book Company, Ginn & Company George S, Perry, George F. King & Merrill,	11 05-\$ 110 77
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I. J. Nettleton, glass.	1.40
Charles Gregory, repairs.	2.50
Eugene McCarthy, school house and outbuildings	243 50
J. L. Twing.	2 00
Chester Burroughs,	1 50
Eugene McCarthy,	4 50
George L. Keyes,	1 00
J. A. Brewer,	3 00
Chester Burroughs,	8 00
MATERIAL—BUILDING AND REPAIR L. J. Nettleton, glass, Charles Gregory, repairs, Eugene McCarthy, school house and outbuildings, J. L. Twing, Chester Burroughs, Eugene McCarthy, George L. Keyes, J. A. Brewer, Chester Burroughs, William E. Bump,	1 00-\$ 268 40
FUEL.	
B. S. Carrington, Old Town,	\$10 00
George L. Keyes, Village,	15 00
George W. Morse, Morse,	10 50
George W. Shultiss, Harmon,	7 37
George L. Keyes, Corashire,	10.50
George A. Stevens, Pond,	12,00
Ularence Johnson, sawing wood,	3 00
B. S. Carrington, Old Town, George L. Keyes, Village, George W. Morse, Morse, George W. Shultiss, Harmon, George L. Keyes, Corashire, George A. Stevens, Pond, Clarence Johnson, sawing wood, William Maxwell, sawing wood, J. K. Hadsell, slabs,	4 50 \$ 77 37
GENERAL EXPENSES.  Express, Cartage, Carrying scholars, Insurance, Cleaning school houses, Bidwell & Langdon, bill. Building fires, E. B. Culver, furniture, James McManus, stove pipe George L. Keyes, postage, stationery and express	, roo
Express.	\$ 9.35
Cartage,	4 35
Carrying scholars,	36 75
Insurance,	22 00
Cleaning school houses,	10 00
Bidwell & Langdon, bill.	23 79
Building fires,	15,90
E. B. Culver, furniture,	11 50
James McManus, stove pipe	2 95
George 2, 120,00, Postage, Stationery and express,	0 00
Sundries,	6 75-\$ 148 34

**\$1,620 38** 

Total,

#### APPROPRIATIONS.

For Schools,			\$700	
Repairs, Books.				00
Pond school house,			200	
State Fund			409	
Dog Tax			26	00
Town Fund,			87	20
Rent of Hall,			20	
Cash from children, for flag,				20
due from Jabez Ward, tuition,			2	80
Subscription, S. Ariail,			10	00
Subscription, A. Gleason,			8	00
Balance from last year,			15	191,580 39
Expenditures,	\$1,620	38		
Appropriations.	1,580	39		
Deducting Insurance,	\$39 22	99 00		

By bringing up all arrearages and the settlement of all bills, we have overdrawn to the amount of \$17,99. The money appropriated for the schools at this Town Meeting will be for the schools of the coming year, entirely, as all bills are paid to date.

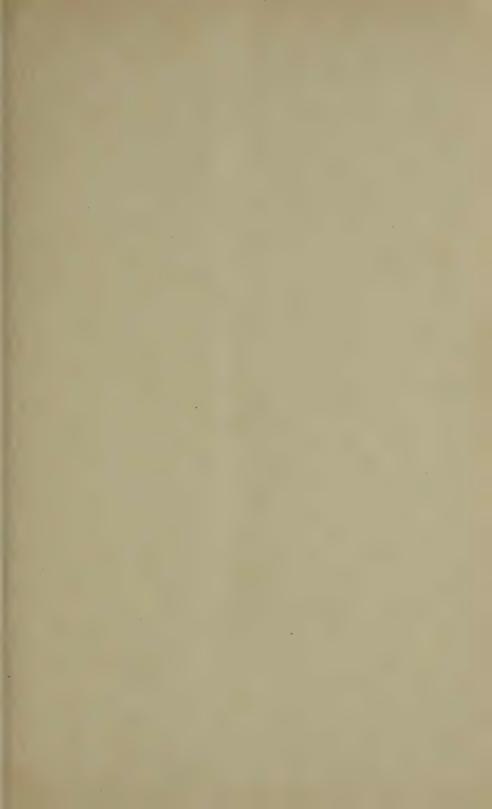
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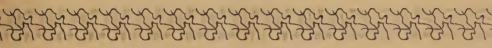
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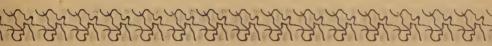
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### Treasurer's Report.

1892.	WILBUR F. MINER, Treasurer,	Dr.
March 15	To orders and cash received of W. F. Miner,	
	Treasurer, \$138 73	
To	cash received of S. Downs, for tuition, 1891, 2 00	
	Corporation tax, 1891, 57 42	
April 13	Borrowed of Mrs. M. C. Langdon, 300 00	
May 9	Borrowed of R. M. Frink, 175 00	
June 4	Borrowed of National Mahaiwe Bank, 500 00	
June 11	Received of Orlo Twining, for scraper, 1 00	
July 26	Cash received of B. D. Pease, treasurer, 19 77	
·	Gift from Smith Ariel, for school house, 10 00	
	Gift from Arthur Gleason, for school house, 8 00	
Dec. 13	Corporation tax, 51 77	
	National Bank Tax, 91 49	
	State aid, 108 00	
1893		
Jan. 7	W. S. Bidwell, auctioneer's license for 1892, 2 00	
Jan. 11	Dog fund, 26 60	
Jan. 25	Massachusetts school fund, 409 64	
	Town of Lee, for support of Mrs. Bailey, 25 00	
Feb. 16	Received from George L. Keyes, for flag, 2 20	
	Received from M.V. Thomson, collector, '91, 379 46	
	Received from M.V. Thomson, collector, '92, 3,227 02	
Feb. 18	Received from G. L. Keyes, for use of school	
2 0 77 20	house hall, 20 00	
Feb. 21		- \$5,558 67
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1892.	WILBUR F. MINOR, Treasurer,	Cr.
March 2	By paying interest to Great Barrington Savings	
	Bank, \$50 00	
May 5	Paying expense of Milo and Frederic Forest	
~	case, 6 50	
June 4	Paying interest National Mahaiwe Bank, 7 50	
June 20	Paying interest on Mrs. H.C. Steadman's note, 10 50	
Aug. 1	Discount allowed on taxes paid in up to date, 90 35	
Aug. 31	Paying note National Mahaiwe Bank, 500 00	
Nov. 1	Paying County tax, 402 85	
Dec. 13	Paying State tax, 192 50	
	Outstanding orders, 1891, 301 48	
	Abatements, 1891, 5 80	
	Abatements, 1892, 17 12	
	Paying from orders, 1892, 3,677 45	
	Amount to balance B.D. Pease, treas' raccount, 19 77	Å.
Feb. 21	Paying library trustees, 25 00	
	Balance in Treasury, 251 85-	
	Total,	\$5,558 67

Paid Frank Hart for moving Mrs. Baily,	\$10 00
Edward J. Swan,	23 00
D. C. Tryon, keeping tramps,	2 00
F. G. Heath, expense John Fellows,	2 00
P. C. Harmon, expense to Pittsfield,	2 35
Total,	\$626 33
Schools.	
For teaching,	\$1018 00
wood,	94 12
carrying scholars,	39 75
cleaning school houses,	12 00
building fires,	13 90
supplies, books, express, etc.,	196 86
building school house,	200
Eugene McCarty, repairs,	48 00
Total,	\$1622 63
State Aid.	
Paid Timothy Curtin,	\$72 00
P. H. Sears,	48 00
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Total,	\$120 00
Hay Scales.	
Paid Burget & Lewis, scales,	\$53 00
W. E. Bump, labor,	5 00
Burrows & Tryon, labor,	6 40
Bidwell & Langdon, supplies and labor,	3 88
C. W. Gregory, painting,	60
I. F. Loom, labor, P. C. Harmon, cartage,	10 00
r. C. Harmon, carrage,	4 00
Total,	\$82 88
Memorial Day.	
Paid P. Anthony, for speaker,	\$10 00
Bidwell & Langdon, bill,	11 87
Dianon & Dangdon, bin,	11 01
W	\$21 87
Highways and Bridges.	
Paid James McManus, labor,	3 00
Wm. Maxwell, labor,	4 25
L. Battelle, labor,	8 58
Geo. L. Keyes, railing,	8 00
Wm. Hall, railing,	3 00
P. C. Harmon, railing,	$\frac{22}{5}$ $\frac{50}{00}$
Geo L. Keyes, labor,	5 00

Paid Bidwell & Langdon, powder and nails,	\$3	<b>3</b> 3
S. Downs, railing,	2	50
J. M. Kinne, labor,	2	00
John Palmer, labor,	2	70
James Martin, labor,	2	00
Wm. McCarty, labor,	2	00
D. Lasher, labor,	3	00
C. Burrows, labor,		50
H. C. Steadman,	2	75
J. K. Hadsell, bill plank,	15	15
M. S. Bidwell, bill plank and tile,	13	22
Geo. W. Shultis, commissions	564	29
Total,	\$667	77
Town Officers.		
Paid W. S. Bidwell, sealer weights and measures, 1891,	\$5	00
Geo. W. Morse, inspector election, 4 years.	-	00
A. J. Hall, inspector election, 4 years,		00
W. S. Bidwell, inspector election,		00
B. E. Tryon, inspector election,		00
Geo. W. Morse, assessor,	31	23
A. J. Hall, assessor,	15	00
M. V. Thomson, assessor,	12	50
H. Clapp, school committee,	15	00
Geo. L. Keyes, school committee,	25	u0
J. L. Twing, school committee,	5	00
F. G. Heath, selectman,	35	00
P. C. Harmon, selectman,	10	00
H. C. Steadman, selectman,	10	00
W. F. Minor, treasurer,	11	00
Dr. B. D. Pease, treasurer,	5	00
H. W. Langdon, town clerk,	8	00
H. W. Langdon, cattle inspector,	15	00
W. S. Bidwell, sealer weights and measures,	5	00
M. V. Thomson, collector, 1891,	61	00
M. V. Thomson, collector, 1892,	45	00
Total,	\$333	73
Recapitulation.	*****	
Schools	\$1,622	63
Town Officers	333	
State Aid	120	
Hay Scales.	82	
Memorial Day	21	87
Support of Poor	626	
Contingent Expenses	202	24
Highways and Bridges,	667	77
Total amount orders given by Selectmen,	\$3,677	45

Assets of Town.

Cash on hand,	\$251 85
Notes of Town for school fund,	351 35
School books,	150 00
Hearse,	250 00
Road machine and tools,	275 00
Safe,	130 00
Amount due for State aid,	120 00
O. B. Markham, land,	75 00
H. P. Fargo, note,	59 50
O. B. Markham, land, H. P. Fargo, note, Due Wm. Forrest,	18 00-\$1680-70//>
Balance against the Town,	12 2 17 1295 65
	\$2,976 35

#### Liabilities.

Note Savings Bank,	\$1,000 00
Note Town for School Fund,	351 35
Note to Fund Society,	975 00
Note to Mrs. Ellen Stedman,	175 00
Note to R. M. Funk,	<b>17</b> 5 00
Note to Mrs. M. E. Langdon,	300 00-\$2976 35

F. G. HEATH,
P. C. HARMON,
H. C. STEDMAN,
Monterey.

Monterey, Feb. 22, 1893.

Examined and found correct.

FRANK HARMON, Auditor.







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### Treasurer's Report, Town of Monterey.

1894.	WILBUR F. MINER, Treasurer.			DR.
March 6	To balance in treasury from 1892,	251	85	
March 21	Received of William Storms for grass on		~~	
2.202.012	Markham lot, 1892,	2	00	
April 1		500	00	
April 18	W. S. Bidwell, auctioneer's license,	2	00	
May 1		280	62	
June 1		100	00	
June 3		260	00	
June 6	H. P. Fargo, auctioneer's license,	2	00	
June 6	Reimbursement from State Treasurer, for			
		140	21	
July 1		292	81	
July 1	Received of W. S. Bidwell, difference on check,	8	78	
July 6	Received from District Court.	10	00	
Oct. 2	Received from District Court, D.C. Tyron case,	57	22	
Oct. 4	Received from State Treasurer, for account of			
	State Lunatic Hospital,	50	84	
Dec. 1	Received of F. G. Heath, for Town plank,	14	00	
Dec. 11	Received Corporation Tax,	68	72	
Dec. 11	Received National Bank Tax,	90	84	
Dec. 11		120	00	
Jan. 12	Received from Dog Fund,	34	31	
Jan. 25	Received income of Mass. School Fund,	433	54	
Jan. 25	Received of W. S. Bidwell, Collector, 1893, 3,	507	39	
Jan. 25	Received of A. J. Hall, for plank,	1		
Feb. 22	Borrowed of M. S. Bidwell,	500	00	
Feb. 22	Received of W. S. Bidwell, Collector, 1893,	75	00	
Feb. 22	Received of James Kinnie, for grass on			
	Markham estate,	2	00-\$6	805 13

1893.	WILBUR F. MINER, Treasurer			CR.
March 25				
	Savings Bank,	\$50	00	
June 3	Paying Raifstanger fees for W. Lahey case,	10	03	
July 7	Paying District Court for D. C. Tyron case,	7	22	
July 7	Paying District Court, John Bevins case,	10	25	
July 31	Paying F. G. Heath, money b'd June 1,	100	00	
Aug. 2	Paying R. M. Frink, note and interest,	187	91	
Aug. 4	Paying Mrs. H. C. Steadman, note and int.,	189	12	
Aug. 4	Paying F. G. Heath, note and interest,	510	00	
Aug. 4	Paying Library Trustee orders,	35	00	
Aug. 15	Paying Fund Society, note and interest,	295	00	
Nov. 1	Paying County tax,	402	85	
Dec. 11	Paying State Tax,	275	00	
Dec. 11	Paying abatements,	25	38	
Jan. 9	Paying interest on Fund Society notes to			
	Jan. 1st, 1894.	58	40	
Jan. 9	Discount allowed on taxes,	136	54	
Jan. 9		.411	64	
Feb. 23	Balance in Treasury,		79 -\$6,8	805 13



### Selectmen's Report.

### Contingent Expenses.

Paid W. S. Bidwell, trustee, rent basement, 1892,	\$ 25 00
M. S. Bidwell, insurance, school house,	7 00
Fire inquest and witness fees,	28 00
C. W. Gregory, making and painting guide boards	5, 12 00
Berkshire Courier Co., printing,	17 00
Express on scraper blade,	I 25
Mountain fire,	24 50
F. Brochu, cemetery fence,	11 55
A. M. Shaw, scraper blade,	9 00
H. Clapp, repairs on ballot box,	I 00
J. K. Hadsell, use of scraper,	2 00
Mary E. Langdon, interest on note,	18 00
W. S. Bidwell, bal. on note,	8 78
E. J. Geowey, work on scraper, etc.,	4 75
F. G. Heath, expense road meeting, Pittsfield,	2 30
P. C. Harmon, running town lines,	2 50
B. H. Langdon, running town lines,	2 50
M. S. Bidwell, rent basement, 1893,	25 00
George W. Morse, expense to Pittsfield,	2 25
James M. Kinne, care of cemetery,	2 00
H. W. Langdon, express,	8 65
Frank H. Wright, counsel, George W. Morse, express,	1 10
H. W. Langdon, stationery for selectmen,	4 91
H. W. Langdon, plow,	6 75
H.W. Langdon, rent, shed for hearse & road mach	
W. S. Bidwell, driving hearse,	12 00
W. F. Miner, stamps and stationery,	2 00
The second secon	
Total,	\$261 79
Support of Poor.	
Paid Northampton Insane Asylum, Mrs. Johnson,	\$ 169 46
" Fred. Thomson,	254 88
" H.M. Underwood,	100 69
Albert Minsley,	126 50
H. M. Underwood,	51 84
Edward Swan,	91 62
L. D. Smith,	36 50
Martha Pomery,	107 00
George Maxwell and family,	98 65
John Rosier,	32 25
Total,	\$1,069 39

#### State Aid.

		care	ZAZCZ		
Paid Timothy Curtin,	\$72	00			00
P. H. Sears,		00	Mrs. L. Bradburn,	14	00
Willian Maxwell,		00	73 . 1 . dt		
A. W. Brett,	30	00	Total, \$2	213	00
High	way	vs a	and Bridges.		
Paid			Paid		
William Maxwell,	\$14		James McManus, \$1	13	00
James Martin,		75	George Stevens,	91	50
George Shultis,	8	50	F. Brouker,	12	00
Almon Huggins,	154	98	Charles Gregory,	3	00
R. Wilson,	12	75	Charles David,	I	50
P. C. Harmon,	ΙI	25	Henry Woods,	8	15
M. S. Bidwell,	370	53	George L. Keyes,	3	00
Chester Burrows,	2	25	J. K. Hadsell,	22	50
D. C. Tryon, B. E. Tryon,	I	50	M. V. Thomson,	4	50
B. E. Tryon,	2	75	S. W. Hyde,	6	58
W. S. Bidwell,		23	George Morse,		50
B. L. Frink,		90	Frank Smith,		25
E. Woodford,	19	50	H.W.Langdon, nails, &c.	8	24
James Griswold,	3	45			
John Gregory,	14	97	\$9	64	40
	Sn	ow	Bills.		
Paid			Paid		
Fred Lasher,	\$2	50	P. H. Sears,	\$2	00
Del Lasher,	7	12	Seldon Downs,	8	00
John Enoe,	5	25	William McCarty,	18	00
Wallace Hall,	2	00	Noel Hart,	8	80
George W. Shultis,	ΙI	00	Albert Poor,	I	50
John Daley,	I	00	M. S. Bidwell,	23	50
A. J. Hall,	3	00	George L. Keyes,	2	00
John C. Hyde,	4	49	John Martin,	II	96
M. V. Thomson,	4	20	James Martin,	3	75
J. K. Hadsell,		31	Almon L. Huggins.		36
S. W. Hyde,	4	80	James T. Griswold,	2	64
S. J. S. Rogers,	7	25	R. J. Goldberg,	3	30
L. L. Battelle,	4	48	Timothy Curtin,		60
John Palmer,	3	78	S. C. Lafferty,	6	80
Frank Hart,	I	56	I. F. Loom,	1	56
L. H. Mallory,		75	James M. Kinne,	3	08
B. E. Tryon, W. S. Tyrrell,	4	00	Frank Hall,	1	50
W. S. Tyrrell,	4	12	Burton L. Frink,	3	06
N. G. Adams,		84	James McManus,	14	00
William Storms,	2	00	William Lahey,		56
Chester Burrows,	8	90	William Maxwell,	2	44
H. P. Fargo,		00	Charles Wright,		28
Francis Brochu,		00		Ι	92
F. G. Heath,		00	Peter Anthony,	I	44
H. W. Langdon,	9	75	Henry Hall,	5	00
		6			

William Hall, \$3 50 Hyland Dowd,	\$4	00
W. S. Bidwell, 5 oo David Enoe,	2	
Charles Gregory, 2 37 David Leary,	I,	50
D. C. Tryon, I oo John Gregory,	1	92
J. A. Burnap, 1 00 William Bump,	2	28
Frank M. Harmon, 4 75 B. S. Carrington,	I	20
James Noteware, 3 50 Henry Woods,	2	76
Jack Quinn, I 20 Edward Stedman,	3	76
A. M. Dowd, 12 12		
William Ellis, 4 18	\$325	17
Town Officers.		
Paid Frank M. Harmon, auditor, 1892,	\$2	00
Frank M. Harmon, auditor, 1893,	2	00
George W. Morse, assessor,	27	50
A. J. Hall, assessor,	16	00
H. P. Fargo, assessor,	12	50
F. G. Heath, selectman,	35	00
B. H. Langdon, selectman,	15	00
P. C. Harmon, selectman,	10	
I. L, Twing, school committee,	16	75
G. L. Keyes, school committee,	20	00
I. A. Burnap, school committee,	IO	00
M. V. Thomson, cattle inspector,	15	00
B. E. Tryon, election officer,	2	00
A. J. Hall, election officer,	2	00
George W. Morse, election officer,	2	
M. V. Thomson, election officer,	2	00
W. S. Bidwell, election officer,	2	_
H. W. Langdon, town clerk,	20	-
W. F. Miner, treasurer,	15	
W. S. Bidwell, collector,	50	
W. S. Bidwell, sealer weights and measures,	5	00
	\$282	40
Schools.		
Paid orders School Committee,	\$1,295	48
Recapitulation.		
Snow bills,	\$ 325	17
Roads,	964	
Poor,	1,069	
Contingent,	- ( -	
Town officers,	282	
School committee orders,		
State aid,	213 (	
		_
Total orders given by selectmen,	\$4,411	53

#### Assets of Town.

Cash on hand,	\$100	79
Notes of Town for school funds,	351	* *
School books,	150	00
Hearse,	250	00
Road machine,	275	00
Safe,	130	00
Hay scales,	82	88
Due for State Aid,	213	00
H. P. Fargo, note and interest,	63	07
Due from William Forest,	18	00
O. B. Markham, land,	75	00
Due from State for support of insane poor,	128	13
Due from State for support of John Rosier,	32	25-\$1,869 47
Balance against Town,		1,797 50
		\$3,666 97

#### Liabilities.

Note due Savings Bank,	\$1,000 00
Note Town for school funds,	351 35
Note due Fund Society,	975 00
Note due Fund Society,	280 62
Note due Mrs. M. E. Langdon	
Note due Mrs. M. E. Langdon	, 260 00
Note due M. S. Bidwell,	500 00—\$3,666 97
	F. G. HEATH, ) Selectmen
	P. C. HARMON, of
	B. H. LANGDON.) Monterey.

February 23, 1894.

Examined and found correct.

FRANK HARMON, Auditor.

February 24, 1894.

OF THE

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

## TOWN OF MONTEREY

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 5,

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#### REPORT.

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In compliance with the laws of the State and the usual custom, the School Committee of Monterey would respectfully submit the following Report:

We commenced the year with five schools, but the removal from town of several pupils reduced the school in the Harmon District so much that we thought best to hire the remaining scholars carried to the village, which we did during the rest of the year.

The scholars from district No. 4 were carried to Corashire, and the Morse district to the Old Center School. By thus uniting schools we have been able to give each school thirty-three weeks, except in Corashire, which lost two weeks on account of sickness of the teacher. The number of scholars enrolled in all the schools is the same as last year—one hundred and ten. Of these, fifteen were over fifteen years old, and two were under five.

The schools have labored under a great disadvantage during the winter term, on account of so much sickness. The average attendance for the year, of all the schools, is less than eighty-five per cent. of the average membership. In one school the attendance was only about seventy-five per cent. While absence from school is sometimes necessary, yet it is to be regretted that there is so large a percentage of absentees.

In another school one scholar made the unenviable record of twenty-one tardy marks in the fall term of eleven weeks. Another was only two behind and three more had fifteen or more marks against their names during the same term. This state of affairs ought not to exist in any school, and is nearly always the fault of the parents.

We have had, almost without exception, experienced teachers, and those who have done faithful and efficient service. In fact, we consider the corps of teachers of the winter term the most efficient that the town has had for years. So far as possible these teachers will be retained for the coming year. It was

thought best for the winter term, at the village, to employ an assistant teacher one half of each day, instead of supporting two schools. The plan worked very satisfactorily. While, perhaps, it was not quite as good as two schools, we feel that the increased benefit of two schools would not have repaid the increased expense. Last year we reported, with pleasure, the growing interest in the schools as shown by the increasing number of visitors. We are glad to report still more interest this year, judging by the same evidence, the visitor's roll in some registers showing more than thirty names, and one has more than fifty. This is a very favorable sign for the future of our schools; the parents become better acquainted with the teachers, and can see the good work being done, and it helps the scholars to become accustomed to recite before others than their school-mates, and thus lose some of their timidity in the presence of visitors. The improvement in this respect is quite noticeable in some of the schools.

During the fall term, two members of the committee attended a meeting of the Berkshire County School Committees and Superintendents. Following out suggestions made at that meeting, we have marked out a course of study to be followed in all the schools, aiming to secure more uniformity in classifying and grading, thus enabling the teachers to see what work is expected each term, and so work more intelligently and with definite aim, instead of the former unsystematic hit-or-miss style.

In preparing this course of study we were painfully reminded of our lack of professional training and experience in this kind of work, and the need of a trained superintendent to have the oversight of our schools. We hope that some of the adjoining towns may be induced to unite with us to employ such a superintendent in the near future.

The committee have done more visiting schools than usual during the past year, thus becoming better acquainted with the teachers' methods, and by personal observation the condition of the schools is better understood. We also held two teachers' meetings during the winter term, which were very profitable to those who were able to attend. We would reccommend the continuance of such meetings, monthly, during the school year. We would also urge upon the teachers the necessity of studying educational books and papers. It certainly cannot be too much to ask of the teachers to spend at least as much as one day's wages each term for such helps, so long as the teachers themselves will receive the greatest good from such investment.

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We have purchased, as works of reference, new dictionaries for each school and a set of charts for the village. These were bought with a part of the State fund which may be used for such purpose. The term of credit given on the charts does not expire until April 1st, so we have reserved enough from the State fund to pay the bill when due. We purchased only one set of the charts at first to see if they would prove as useful in actual school work as they appeared to promise. We have found them to be very practical and useful in the teacher's work and would recommend the purchase of two more sets before the opening of the Spring term.

We are fairly well supplied with text-books. Probably an appropriation of seventy-five dollars will be sufficient for the coming year.

The school houses are in fair condition. The front of the one in Corashire needs some repairs and the one in the village needs painting. Probably fifty dollars would cover the necessary repairs.

We would like an appropriation for the schools large enough to enable us to maintain the schools thirty-six weeks during the year. Probably a hundred dollars more than last year's appropriation would be sufficient.

There are a dozen children of school age in the eastern part of the town which have to go out of town to school or will have to be carried. As some of them get only twenty-four weeks of schooling in the course of the year there is naturally some dissatisfaction.

We would close this report by thanking the citizens of the town for their generous support of the schools in the past and expressing the hope that the town will not go back on its good record.







## ANNUAL REPORT

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## Treasurer's Report, Town of Monterey.

1894.	WILBER F. MINER, Treasurer.	PR.
March 1	To balance in treasury from 1893, \$10	0 79
. 1	Rec'd from Rev. I. A. Burnap for book,	50
14	Reimbursement from State Treasurer	
	for Lunatic Paupers, 12	8 13
" 16	Balance of Corporation Tax for 1892,	
". 22	W. S. Bidwell, Auctioneer's License,	
April 6	2,00001.000 12.000 12.000 000000,	1 60
20	Borrowed from H. C. Steadman, 20	
May 1	Borrowed of National Mahaiwe Bank, 60	0 00
June 4	Rec'd of W. S. Bidwell, collector for	
		2 00
" 20	Reimbursement from State Treasurer	
		2 69
" <b>2</b> 8	Borrowed of First Congregational So-	
20	ciety of Monterey, 40	0 00
29	ciety of Monterey, 40 Rec'd from C. W. Gregory, rent for school house hall, 2	0 00
T 1 F	school house hall, 2	0 00
July 7	Rec'd from District Court, Wilson case	0.00
4 01		8 68
Aug. 21	Reimbursement from State Treasurer	9 90
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		3 38
" 24	Rec'd from State Treasurer for burial	5 00
Oant 10	of State Paupers, 1 Bor'd of 1st Con. Society of Monterey 22	
Sept. 18 Dec. 10	Corporation Tax, 6	7 13
" 10		8 04
" 10		000
" 10		3 00
12	Reimbursement from State Treasurer	0 00
.1.4		6 10
Jan. 3	Rec'd from Wm. Farrar for school books,	
" 8	Rec'd from District Court for quarter	
	ending Dec. 31st,	54
" 11	Dog Fund, 4	$1\overline{12}$
" 24	0	3 00

26		07
Feb. 11	Reimburesements from State Treasurer	
	for Lunatic Paupers, 96	
Feb. 11	Rec'd from M. V. Thompson, collector, 3306	65
" 23	Rec'd on H. P. Fargo note, 50	00
·· 23	Rec'd of Frank Harmon, butchers license, 1	. 00
	$rac{-}{*6221}$	
1894.		R.
March 12	Pr paying P. H. Langdon Shoriff Food	
march 14	By paying B. H. Langdon, Sheriff Fees	50
26		
	Interest to Gt. Barrington S. Bank, 50 Interest on Mrs. M. E. Langdon note, 18	
L L	Discount on Nat. Mahaiwe Bank note, 12	
May 1 7	Int. on Fund Society note to May 1st, 16	
July 12	Officer Pilon fees for Athams labor	04
oury 12	case, 29	45
Aug. 3	B. H. Langdon, fees for Georgia Mc-	40
Aug. 0	Pherson case, 1	50
23	Interest on Mrs. M. E. Langdon note, 15	
" 31	National Mahaiwe Bank note, 600	
" 31	Express on Inspector's Blanks,	35
Sept. 18	M. S. Bidwell, note and interest, 517	
Nov. 1	County Tax, 402	
·· 14		00
Dec. 10		00
1895		
Jan. 8	Costs of P. H. Sear's case, 7	68
· 8		02
Feb. 19	Interest on Fund Society notes to Jan.	02
F 60. 10		40
	Abatements. 6	
	Selectmen's Orders, 3860	
s 25	H. C. Steadman, note and interest, 210	
_	To Balance in Treasury, 159	
	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
	\$6221	99

## Selectmen's Report.

#### CONTINGENT EXPENSES.

Paid	Frank H. Wright, Counsel,	\$10 00
	A. M. Shaw, scraper blade and fgt.	8 50
	Berkshire Courier Co., reports and blanks,	15 00
	M. S. Bidwell, Treas, for rent of basement,	25-00
	Geo. W. Morse, express,	1 20
	Chas. W. Gregory, Painting Hearse,	8 50
	E. Y Foote, printing.	3 00
	W. F. Minor, stamps and stationery,	2 50
	E. J. Goewey, repairs on scraper, etc.,	5 95
	W. S. Bidwell, driving hearse,	10 00
	Selectmen, stamps and stationery,	3 63
	H. C. Stedman, care of cometery,	2 00
	H. W. Langdon, guide post and setting same	
	H. W. Langon, express,	8 05
	H. W. Langdon, use of shed for hearse and	
	road machine	10 00
	Expense of pauper case, town of Great Bar	
	ringt'n against town of Montere	
	1748621,79	<b>\$163 68</b>
	Support of Poor.	
Paid		169 46
Paid	N'Hampton Insane Asylum, Mrs. Johnson,	169 46 169 46
Paid	N'Hampton Insane Asylum, Mrs. Johnson. Fred Thomson.	$169 \ 46$
Paid .	N'Hampton Insane Asylum, Mrs. Johnson. "Fred Thomson. "H.M.Underwood.	169 46 169 46
Paid .	N'Hampton Insane Asylum, Mrs. Johnson, "Fred Thomson. "H.M.Underwood. Mrs. Freeman for Albert Minsley,	169 46 169 46 120 50
Paid .	N'Hampton Insane Asylum, Mrs. Johnson, "Fred Thomson. "H.M. Underwood. Mrs. Freeman for Albert Minsley, Edward Swan,	169 46 169 46 120 50 96 00
Paid .	N'Hampton Insane Asylum, Mrs. Johnson, "Fred Thomson, "H.M.Underwood, Mrs. Freeman for Albert Minsley, Edward Swan, Mrs. N. O. Heath for Martha Pomeroy	169 46 169 46 120 50 96 00 98 50
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	State Treas. for Fred Thomson, 1892, Town of New Marlboro for Benj. Hamlin, B. H. Langdon, expense, Wm. Storms, P. C. Harmon,	$\begin{array}{c} 123 \ 04 \\ 23 \ 00 \\ 1 \ 75 \\ 2 \ 50 \\ \hline \\ \$1279 \ 81 \\ \end{array}$
Paid	T. Curtin, P. H. Sears, Wm. Maxwell, A. W. Brett, W. S. Tyrrel, Mrs. Bradburn, W. E. Bump,	\$72 00 48 00 18 00 48 00 48 00 24 00 28 00
	Total	\$286 00
	Schools.	
Paid	Orders School Committee,	\$1315 50
	Highways and Bridges.	
Paid;	Robert Lasher, Francis Brochu, D. C. Tyron, Wm McCarthy, W. W. Hall. Timothy Curtin, Chas. Wright, James Martin, A. L. Hugins, Geo. Shultis, John Martin, Winford Pinney, L. B. Hall, John Daley, Ed. Woodford, Elmer Kinne, Ferry Brouker, Chas. Scott. James McMannus, Chas. Fuller, M. S. Bidwell, plank, J. K. Hadsell, B. E. Tryon,	\$ 1 00 3 00 5 00 2 00 49 87 83 00 119 95 110 31 49 75 2 00 39 75 3 75 3 00 1 25 15 75 4 50 9 00 2 75 15 79 10 17 1 00

Wm. Howkins, bill for 1893, Timothy Curtin, snow bill 1893,		$\begin{array}{c} 25 \\ 7 \end{array}$	00
I N. Benedict, " " "			60
Fred Martin, "" "			00
H. C. Stedman,			50
H. W. Langdon, nails, etc.,			42
H. P. Fargo,		1	50
	Total	\$597	61
Town Officer			
Paid M. V. Thomson, cattle commissi	oner,	\$	
H. C. Stedman, selectman,		35	
B. H. Langdon, "		15	
P. C. Harmon, "G. W. Morse, assessor,		$\begin{array}{c} 10 \\ 31 \end{array}$	
A. J. Hall,		$\frac{51}{16}$	
H P Fargo "		13	
H. P. Fargo, "W. F. Miner, treasurer,		15	
W F Miner cattle commissions	er,	14	
B. E. Tryon, sealer of weights & B. E. Tryon, election officer,	measures,	5	00
B. E. Tryon, election officer,		2	00
M. V. Thomson, ""		2	00
Geo. Morse,			00
A. J. Hall,		$\frac{2}{21}$	00
G. L. Keyes, school committee, J. L. Twing, ""		11	
H. W. Langdon, Town Clerk,		20	
F. M. Harmon, Auditor,			00
Dogomitulation	Total	218	30
Recapitulation.			
Highways and Bridges,		\$ 597	
Support of Poor,		1279	
Contingent Expenses,		163	
Town Officers. School Committee Orders,		218 131 <b>5</b>	
State Aid.		286	
State Ma,		4/14	43
Total Orders Given by Selec	tmen .	\$3860	90_
Assets of Tow	n.	550	./3
Cash on hand,		\$ 159	47
Notes of town for school funds.		351	35

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School Books, Hearse, Road Machine. Safe, Hay Scales, Due for State Aid, H. P. Fargo Note, Due from Wm. Forrest, O. B. Markham, Land, Due from M. V. Thomson, Collector,	150 250 275 130 82 286 16 18 75	00 00 00 88 00 64 00 00
Balance Against Town,  Liabilities.	\$2146 \$1643 \$3790	40
Note due Savings Bank,  "Fund Society, ""  ""  ""  ""  ""  ""  ""  ""  ""  "	\$ 1000 973 280 400 225 300 260 351 \$3793	34 62 00 00 00 00 35

H. C. STEDMAN, Selectmen B. H. LANGDON, of P. C. HARMON, Monterey.

February 23, 1895.

Examined and Found Correct,

FRANK HARMON, Auditor.

February 23, 1895.

#### ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

# SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

OF THE

## TOWN OF MONTEREY

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 4th.

1895.

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Press of THE BERKSHIRE NEWS Great Barrington, Mass



### REPORT

The School Committee would submit the following report of the work of the past year:

We have kept four schools through the entire year, and one term of sixteen weeks in the Morse district. The aggregate number of weeks is about one hundred and fifty. The teachers, except one term in one school, have had previous experience in school work. We have employed nine different teachers including the assistant at the village school. In only one school we have not changed teachers during the year and if all our schools could attain to the excellence of that one, our town might well be proud of its educational advantages.

For the winter term at the village, if was thought best to adopt the same plan as last year and employ an assistant for half time. It would probably have been better if there had been two separate schools as the grading of the school was such that the pupils would have been about equally divided between the two, and with those which would have come in from the out-lying schools would have given about twenty scholars in each. Thirty-six scholars in a room the size of our school room, is too crowded for good work, and greatly increases the difficulty of maintaining good discipline. If the upper room could be seated and used for the school it would be much pleasanter and easier for both school and teacher.

Our school houses are in good condition and a small annual appropriation will probably keep them so. During the past year we have repaired the front of the school house in Corashire at a cost of about \$20, which was the largest item for repairs. Some of our text-books should

be exchanged for others as some that we are using are hardly up to date. Our arithmetics and geographies especially are unsatisfactory. They have been used for several years and there are other series which are much better. We also need supplementary reading matter. There are books prepared especially for this purpose that cost only a few cents each and would give the schools some of the best literature in the language. We have placed a set of charts in the school at Corashire; also at the Old Center.

We ought to be able to give our scholars thirty-six weeks schooling each year. Whether it would be possible to keep the teachers we have or to procure others equally efficient for less salary may be a question for the incoming committee to consider. We pay larger salaries than most, if not all the adjoining towns for schools of equal size. but we would most strongly oppose any reduction in salaries if it would be at the expense of efficiency. In visiting the schools we noticed with pleasure that some of the teachers had on their desks, books and papers treating on methods of school work and would heartily recommend all teachers to increase their library of educational books and periodicals. These should be used intelligently as a source of material to be adapted to the needs of each school or teacher, no set of rules or plan of work being exactly applicable to all circumstances.

We have held two teacher's meetings during the winter term which were attended by all the teachers and were helpful to all. These meetings should be continued through the year. Another custom which prevails in many towns might well be adopted here, that is to give the teachers one day in each term to visit other schools. By thus seeing other teachers in actual school work each one would gain much practical information. The increased usefulness of the teachers would more than compensate for the time spent.

We have had to spend a larger amount than usual for carrying scholars. There are several scholars in the out-

skirts of the town who are distant from any school and we have had to pay for carrying some of them to school in an adjoining town. These pupils are some of those referred to in the report of last year as being unable to obtain as much schooling as the other children in town. It might be best to furnish another school in that part of the town, thus schooling our own scholars instead of sending to some other town which does not give more than three-fourths as much schooling as we do.

While we realize the difficulty of raising money, and the necessity of the closest economy, we hope the town will not fail to support the schools generously, as in the past. We would ask for eight hundred dollars for schools, one hundred of which may be used for carrying scholars; one hundred for books and twenty-five for repairs.

## FINANCIAL

APPROPRIATIONS.  For Schools,  " Carrying Scholars, " Books, " Repairs, State Fund, Hall Rent Town Fund, Dog Tax, Balance from '94,	50 416 20 87	$00 \\ 00 \\ 00 \\ 07 \\ 00 \\ 20 \\ 12$
Total	\$1500	28
TEACHING.  Alice Wood, Grace Fenn, May Cutting, Hattie Garfield, E. D. Harmon, Ella Rowe, Mable Heath, Henry Miner, Jas. L. Twing,	\$ 108 80 231	00 00 00 00 0 0 50 00
Total	\$981	90
	Ψ001	
BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.  D. H. Knowlton, American Book Co., Geo. F. King & Merrill, Silver, Burdette & Co.,	\$ 18 11 27	40
REPAIRS. C. F. Brochu, Bert. E. Tryon, mason work,	\$58 \$ 18 4	12
Total,	22	87
CARRYING SCHOLARS.		٠,
Wm McCarthy, Henry Miner, Ellen E. Hall,	\$ 37 2 22	50 00 65

Ellsworth Kinne, Jas. L. Twing,	$\begin{array}{c}5&00\\68&25\end{array}$
A. M. Dowd,	41 25
${\bf Total}$	\$176 65
FUEL.	
Kerosene Oil,	<b>\$ 1</b> 00
I. F. Loom, wood,	$ \begin{array}{cccc} 16 & 00 \\ 24 & 00 \end{array} $
Ferry Brouker, wood, J. K. Hadsell,	4 77
Geo. W. Morse, "	7 50
M. S. Bidwell, "	11 00
Wm. Crippen, sawing wood,	1 00
Total	\$65 27
GENERAL EXPENSE.	
Cleaning school house,	\$ 8 50
H. W. Langdon's bill,	4 98
Cartage,	8 20
Sundries,	85
Kerosene Stove, Building Fires,	5 00 14 70
E. Y. Foote, printing,	1 75
Geo. L. Keyes, expense, postage and stationery,	5 20
Mrs. W. E. Bump, boarding school teacher,	59 50
Total	\$108 54
Total Amount of Expense,	\$1413 65
Total Appropriation,	\$1500 28
"Expense,	\$1413 65
Balance in Favor of Town,	\$86 63
Respectfully Submitted,	\ \
G. L. KEYES,	chool
JAS. L. TWING, Con C. W. GREGORY,	nmittee.
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Year Ending March 4, 1895.







## ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

## SELECTMEN

OF THE

# TOWN OF MONTEREY

AND THEIR SETTLEMENT WITH THE TREASURER,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 9,

1896.

ALSO THE REPORT OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.



## Annual Report

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  - 6 To raise money for schools.
  - 7 To raise money for highways, bridges, etc.
  - 8 To decide about collection of taxes.
  - 9 To vote "yes" or "no" on license question.
  - 10 To convey real estate.
  - II To elect fire wards.
  - 12 To raise money for the public library.
  - 13 To authorize the treasurer to borrow money.
  - 14 To take action on the state highway.
  - 15 To pay damage, if any, to wagon of T. Curtin.
  - 16 To see if the town will adopt the Australian ballot.

#### List of Jurors

Is	saac F. Loom,		-		-		-		-		-		-		-	Farmer
H	I. W. Langdon,	-				-		~		-		-		-		Merchant
J.	K. Hadsell,		**				=, 2		-		-		-		-	Farmer
Jo	ohn Palmer,	-		-		-		-		-				-		Farmer
В	ert E. Tryon,															Farmer
L	. H. Mallory,	`		-		-		-		-		-		F	But	ter Maker
F	. M. Harrison,		-		-		-		-		-				-	Butcher
F	. G. Heath,	-		_		40		-		-						Farmer

#### Guide Boards

Eight guide boards are maintained by the town and are posted at the following places: One at Pixley Corners, one in Corashire, one in the village of Monterey, one near the Creamery, one near F. G. Heath's, one at the William Hall corner, one near M. S. Bidwell's, and one near the Morse School House. All are in good repair.

### TREASURER'S REPORT, TOWN OF MONTEREY.

1895	WILBUR F. MINER, Treasurer.			Dr.
March 5	To balance in treasury from 1894, Rec'd from Wm. S. Bidwell, auction-	\$ 159	47	
April 27	eer's license, Borrowed from Gt. Barrington Savings	2	00	
,	Bank,	1000	00	
May 29	Rec'd from State Treasurer, reimburse-			
Cont. on	ment for lunatic paupers,	94	03	
Sept 20	Rec'd from State Treasurer, reimbursement for lunatic paupers for quar-			
	ter ending July 1,	05	06	
Oct. 7	Rec'd from District Court for quarter	90	00	
,	ending Sept. 30,	.7	02	
Nov. 4	Rec'd from State Treasurer, reimburse-			
	ment for tuition,	19	50	
Dec. 10	Rec'd from Corporation Tax,		44	
Dec. 10	Rec'd from State Aid,	278		
Dec. 10 Dec. 18	Rec'd from National Bank Tax, Rec'd from State Treasurer, reimburse-	70	72	
Dec. 10	ment for lunatic paupers, for			
	quarter ending Oct. 1,	96	IO	
Dec. 24	Rec'd from W. F. Miner for grass on			
1896	Markham lot,	2	IO	
Jan. 17	Rec'd from County Treasurer, dog fund,	51	50	
Jan. 27	Rec'd from State Treasurer Mass.			
	school fund, Rec'd from C. W. Gregory, rent of	435	35	
	school house Hall,	8	00	
Feb. 24	Rec'd from F. G. Heath, rent of school		00	
•	house Hall,		00	
Feb. 24	Rec'd from M. V. Thomson, collector '94	, 352	57	
Feb. 26	Rec'd from F. M. Harmon, butcher's			
	license.		00	#0-0
	Rec'd from B. E. Tryon, col. for 1895,	3229	03-	\$5981 89
1895.	WILBUR F. MINER, Treasurer.			Cr.
March 5 March 26	By paying abatement of G. Shultiss, 1894, Paying interest on Great Barrington	<b>\$</b> 5	10	
	Savings Bank Note,	50	00	
May 11	Paying interest on Monterey Fund			
A	Society Note,	16	84	
Aug. 29	Paying interest on Great Barrington Savings Bank Note,	600	00	
Sept. 6	Paying interest on Mrs. M. E. Langdon	600	00	
Берг. о	Notes,	33	60	
Sept. 25	Paying interest and balance on Great	33		
1	Barrington Savings Bank Note,	418	36	
Oct. 15	Paying B. H. Laugdon, sheriff fees in			
27	A. Ferris' case,	5	82	
Nov. I	Paying County Tax,	386	35	

Dec. 10 Dec. 20	Paying State Tax, 150 00 Paying interest on Cong'l Society of
	Monterey note. 13 50
Dec. 24	Paying Library Order, 10 00
Dec. 24 1896	Paying Express on Inspector's Blanks, 35
Jan. 4	Paying District Court for Homer Dowd case, 4 26
Jan. 4	Paying interest on 5 notes of Mon- terey Fund Society up to Jan. 1st,
	1896, 58 40
Feb. 24	Paying Library Order, 15 00
Feb. 24	Paying abatement of Wm. Blake for '94, 2 00
·	Paying Selectmen's Orders, 4097 71
	Balance in Treasury, 114 60—\$5981 89

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## SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

#### SUPPORT OF POOR.

Paid	Mrs. George Maxwell Mrs. Ella Freeman for Albert Minsley, Edward Swan, burial, etc., Nancy O. Heath for Martha Pomeroy, Town of Great Barrington for Wm. Storms, 1894, Northampton Lunatic Hospital, Mrs. Johnson, """ Fred Thomson, """ H. M. Underwood, F. G. Heath, expense to North Adams,	\$ 144 00 120 00 127 90 97 00 8 60 169 46 169 46 2 50
	F. G. Heath, expense on Town of Great Barrington case, W. S. Bidwell, expense to Northampton, D. C. Tryon, keeping tramps, F. G. Heath, expenses,	3 60 I 00 2 00 I6 00
	STATE AID.	\$1030 98
	Alonzo Brett, William E. Bump, Lovinia L. Bradburn, Timothy Curtin, Sarah J. Gregory, W. M. Maxwell, Porter H. Sears, W. S. Tyrrell,	\$ 48 00 48 00 34 00 72 00 22 00 28 00 48 00 48 00
	HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.	\$348 00
	J. K. Hadsell, plank and work, E. J. Goewey, bill repairs, F. G. Heath, G. W. Shultiss, Jr., cutting ice, M. S. Bidwell, plank and tile, O. T. Stedman, cutting bushes, S. W. Hyde, G. L. Keyes, L. B. Hall, William Crippen, William McCarthy, J. T. Griswold, damage to wagon,	\$ 9 57 12 75 12 00 1 00 19 07 3 90 3 00 2 10 1 50 50 16 47 2 00
	F. Brouker, Charles Wilson, S. B. Carrington, use of scraper, Fred Maxwell, E. J. Goewey, S. W. Maxwell, Elmer Kinne, C. Burrows, J. McManus, A. Brett,	4 00 4 62 1 00 1 56 3 00 15 00 1 00 2 75 16 50

Paid C. David,	1 25
G. A. Stevens, repairs plows,	2 55
M. S. Bidwell, repairs plows and chains,	I 55
D. Leary,	5 00
W. M. Maxwell, John Gregory,	1 32 37 12
C. W. Gregory,	2 40
Robert Lasher,	2 20
Delmore Lasher,	I 20
Fred Lasher,	1 68
E. Pierson,	36
John Martin,	11 50
E. Woodford,	4 46
James Martin, snow bill, 1893, John Daley,	4 40 I 00
H. W. Langdon,	I 20
P. C. Harman,	10 25
C. P. Hyde,	I 20
William Hart,	13 85
William Syre,	I 25
L. Battelle,	2 50
S. B. Carrington,	I 25
Smith Ariel, William McCarthy, damage to horse, 1894,	I 25
E. J. Goewey, repairing John Martin cutter,	I 50
Timothy Kennedy, damage to carriage, etc.,	6 50
James M. Kinne,	13 20
Almon Huggins,	222 35
M. S. Bidwell,	196 23
TOWN OFFICERS.	<b>\$</b> 703 81
Paid A. J. Hall, Assessor,	\$ 14 00
M. V. Thomson, Assessor,	15 00
I. F. Loom, Assessor,	12 00
F. G. Heath, Selectman,	35 00
P. C. Harmon, Selectman, W. S. Bidwell,	10 00 15 00
G. L. Keyes, Election Officer,	2 00
M. V. Thomson, Election Officer.	2 00
A. A. Dowd, ""	2 00
G. W. Morse, "" W. F. Miner, Inspector of Cattle, etc.,	2 00
W. F. Miner, Inspector of Cattle, etc.,	20 00
W. F. Miner, Treasurer,	15 00
W. F. Miner, Sealer of Weights and Measures, H. W. Langdon, Town Clerk,	2 00
F. M. Harmon, Auditor,	19 55
M. V. Thomson, Tax Collector, 1894,	85 00
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CONTINGENT EXPENSES.	\$252 55
Paid The Berkshire News, printing report 1894,	12 00
printing Cattle Commissioners Notice	
Mabel F. Heath, Writing "" ""	2 00
Harriet E. Bidwell, writing " " "	2 00
F. G. Heath, running Otis Town Line,	2 50
W. S. Bidwell, " " " "	2 50
F. G. Heath, perambulating Sandisfield line,	2 50
P. C. Harmon, "" " " . G. Dobbs, repairing ballot box,	2 50
B. E. Tryon, expense and costs John Buchanan,	4 00 8 00
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Paid Meeting House Society, use of hall,	25 00
M. V. Thomson, express and stationery,	1 50
W. F. Miner, stamps and stationery, W. S. Bidwell. """""	2 50
The Dia Well,	3 15
H. W. Langdon, bill,	32 31
W. S. Bidwell, driving and care of hearse,	10 00
F. H. Wright, attorney,	10 00
Interest, Fund Society Note,	24 00
	\$153 96
SCHOOLS.	#*33 9°
Paid Orders, School Committee,	1,575 41
Town of Gt. Barrington, tuition 1894,	19 50
(' (' 1895,	13 50
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	\$1,608 41
RECAPITULATION.	
Paid for Support of Poor	\$1,030 98
State aid,	348 00
Highways, bridges, etc.,	703 81
Town Officers,	252 55
Contingent expenses,	153 96
Schools,	1,608 41
ASSETS OF TOWN.	\$4,097 71
Cash on hand,	\$114 60
School books,	150 00
Hearse,	250 00
Road machine,	275 00
Safe,	130 00
Hay scales,	82 88
Due for State aid,	348 00
H. P. Fargo, note,	16 01
Due from William Forrest,	18 00
O. B. Markham, land,	75 00
Due from tax collector,	724 41
Due from State Treasurer for Northampton,	96 10
Due from State Treasurer for tuition,	13 50
Due from State Treasurer for cattle inspector,	10 00
	\$2,303 50
Balance against the town,	1,135 46
	\$3,438 96
LIABILITIES.	
Notes due Fund Society,	\$1,878 96
Notes due Savings Bank,	1,000 00
Notes due Mrs. M. E. Langdon,	300 00
Notes due Mrs. M. E. Langdon,	260 00
	\$3,438 96
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F. G. HEATH,
P. C. HARMON,
WILLIAM S. BIDWELL, Monterey.

March 2, 1896. Examined and found correct.



### REPORT

OF THE

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF

### MONTEREY

. FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 9

:1896



### REPORT.

During the year we have maintained five schools of thirtyfour weeks each, an aggregate of about twenty-five more than the previous year.

We have employed seven different teachers during the year, besides one of the older scholars in the village school as an assistant during the winter term. Three of the teachers were retained throughout the year, which is much better than has been done for several years. It would be a gain to the schools if the teachers could be retained for several terms as the scholars become used to the methods and ways of the teachers and can do better work.

It is true that if this course should be followed too long some teachers that may have some favorite study might lay too much stress on that one branch, to the neglect of others, and thus fail of giving a full, well-rounded course of study to the pupils. It would be the duty of the committee to closely watch the working of the teachers to check any such tendency.

We are glad to note that the teachers are taking an interest in educational books and papers. One of our teachers has taken one of the leading teachers' monthly papers regularly for several years, and all but one of our present corps of teachers have bought and studied Arnold's "Waymarks for Teachers," a book which cannot fail to help any teacher if carefully and intelligently studied and used. Besides this, they have read other books of like nature as they were able to procure them. They have also brought into their schools books and papers for fuller information on subjects which the pupils were studying.

We bring this work of the teachers thus fully before you that it may be understood that the teacher's work is not simply from nine in the morning until four in the afternoon, but many hours of hard work and thought are given to the school work outside of school hours. Please remember this, kind friends, when you feel like criticising the work of the teacher and be not hasty in censur-

ing, for what you are finding fault with may be part of a carefully prepared plan, which, if carried out, will result in great benefit to your children.

We have made the change in text books which was recommended last year, putting in Prince's Arithmetics and Frye's Geographies. These books are the latest works on these branches and we have found them very satisfactory.

We need now a good supply of supplementary reading. It probably would not be best to exchange the readers which we now have for other series but buy new to use in connection with those we now have in our schools.

The pupils in the lower grades ought to read two or three books of the same grade before taking up the next higher, and the only way an interest in the reading can be kept up is to furnish another book, for the children are very apt to feel that after they have finished one book they want to leave that for something else. Our supply of copy books, paper, etc., is about closed out. We shall need about the same amount of money for books and supplies as last year.

Our repairs have been but slight the past year and it will not be necessary to spend any large amount the coming year. Probably twenty-five dollars will be sufficient.

There were ninety-seven pupils enrolled in all the schools. While the attendance has not been all that we would desire, it has probably been about up to the average of former years.

There are a few persons in town, we are glad that they *are* few, who get dissatisfied with the teacher or committee, or both, and take their children out of school for a longer or shorter time. This way of punishing the teacher and committee is very much like a man "cutting off his nose to spite his face."

The tax-payers who have children should remember that their tax is not abated because of their not patronizing the schools, but they pay their money and get no returns from it, besides robbing their children of what justly belongs to them.

There have been three teachers' meetings held during the winter term. At these meetings one or more of the teachers have read papers on some phase of school work, or on methods of teaching different branches. These papers were followed by a general discussion of the topic. The topics discussed at these meetings were: School Management, Advanced Reading and Geography. These discussions by the teachers, with comments

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by the committee on the condition of the schools, we believe have been profitable and should be kept up.

The school in West Otis was open only a few weeks so we were obliged to bring to the village school the children which formerly attended that school.

We have cut down the pay for conveyance about one-third, so with this additional work we have not paid as much as last year. The work has been done by parents of the children, and has been done at a sacrifice, for no one could afford to do the work for the prices paid.

It is hoped that the town may be able to take advantage of the vote passed in 1891 to unite with other towns to employ a superintendent of schools. It will not be necessary for the town to vote again to unite to form a superintendent district, but it will be necessary to make an appropriation for the salary of the superintendent. This can be done under the article making appropriation for schools.

We would thank the town for helping us in our duties by generous support of the schools and the general co-operation and encouragement in our work. We are especially pleased with the increased interest in the schools shown by the increasing number of visitors.

Our thanks are due to Dr. Brown for her kindly giving the village school a talk on Physiology once a week during a part of the winter term.

We would ask the following appropriations for the coming year: \$700 for schools, one hundred of which may be used for carrying scholars; \$100 for books, and \$25 for repairs.

### FINANCIAL.

### APPROPRIATIONS.

For Schools, Carrying Scholars, Books, Repairs, State Fund, Town Fund, Dog Tax, Reimbursement for Tuition,	25 00 435 35 87 20 51 50 19 50
Rent of Hall, Balance from 1895,	13 00 . 86 63—\$1,518 18
TEACHING.	
A. A. Bidwell, May A. Cutting, Alice Martin, Henry Miner, Ellen Wright, E. D. Harmon, Mrs. Mary Leffingwell, Annie I. Twing,  CARRYING SCHOLA  J. L. Twing, Jennie F. Rogers, Wm. McCarty,	\$68 00 48 00 19 00
A. M. Dowd,	16 00— \$151 00
REFERENCE WORL	KS.
American Book Co., charts, (old bill) J. L. Twing, atlases,	\$45 00 6 00— \$51 00
FUEL.	#20.00
J. D. Griswold, S. W. Hyde, O. H. Munson, G. W. Morse, I. F. Loom, H. W. Langdon,	\$20 00 17 00 16 00 10 75 8 00 1 30— \$73 05

REPAIRS.				
C. W. Gregory,	10	40		
H. W. Langdon,	2	65		
J. L. Twing,		50-	- #13	55
BOOKS AND SUPPLIES	<b>S</b> .			
*Geo. F. King & Merrill,	\$10	23		
Ginn & Co.,	82	29		
Houghton, Mifflin & Co.,	4	42		
Educational Publishing Co.,	I	00		
H. W. Langdon,		60-	- \$98	54
GENERAL EXPENSES	•			
Town of Otis, schooling, 1894,	\$25	00		
Town of Great Barrington, schooling, 1895,	19	50		
Building Fires,	18	00		
Express,	6	95		
School-room Supplies,	1	57		
Talbot Bros., liquid slating,	5	00		
Cleaning School-house,	8	50-	- \$84	5=
Total Appropriation,			\$1,518	15
Total Expense,			1,459	66
Balance in favor of the Town,			<b>\$</b> 58	52
Respectfully submitted,				

JAS. L. TWING,
GEO. L. KEYES,
C. W. GREGORY,

Year ending March 9, 1896.







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  - 10 To convey real estate.
  - 11 To elect fire wards.
  - 12 To raise money for public library.
  - 13 To authorize the treasurer to borrow money.
  - 14 To change date of annual meeting.
  - 15 To appropriate money for Memorial day.
  - 16 To appropriate money for Independence day.

### List of Jurors.

Isaac F. Loom,		_		_				Farmer
Henry W. Langdon,	arin.		ries .					- Merchant
John K. Hadsell,		ent.				-		Farmer
Bert E. Tryon,	-		Alexander		<b>-</b> ,			- Farmer
Lewis H. Mallory,		min		espen.		-		Butter Maker
Frank M. Harmon.	-		***		_		math	Butcher
Frances G. Heath,		-		ative.		min		Farmer
Irving A. Burnap,	yes				, <del>-</del> -			- Minister

#### Guide Boards.

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### TREASURER'S REPORT, TOWN OF MONTEREY.

WILBUR F. MINER, Treasurer, Dr.

1896.

March To	balance in treasury from 1895, Rec'd from State Treasurer, reimbursement for	\$114	60
April 7	lunatic paupers, quarter ending Jan. 1, Rec'd from District court fine, Frank Smith	96	10
	case.	5	74
May 5	Rec'd from F. M. Harmon, butcher's license,		00
			00
May 15	Rec'd from State Treasurer, reimbursement for		
	eattle inspector.	10	00
May 19	Rec'd from State Treasurer, reimbursement		
idely 10	for lunatic paupers,	05	06
T 15	Demonstrate paupers,		
June 15	Borrowed of Great Barrington Savings bank,	1,000	00
July 3	Rec'd from District Court, for quarter ending		
*	June 30,		04
July 28	Rec'd from M. S. Bidwell for deed of O. B.		~ ~
July 20	Med a from M. S. Didwent for deed of O. D.	704 Per	00
	Markham farm,	75	00
Sept. 22	Rec'd from State Treasurer, reimbursment for		
	lunatic paupers,	65	11
Oct. 9		00	**
Oct. 9	Rec'd from District Court, quarter ending		
	Sept 30.	22	02
Nov. 6	Rec'd from State Treasurer, reimbursement		
	for tuition,	21	50
Man 10		01	00
Nov. 10	Rec'd from State Treasurer, reimbursement		
	for lunatic paupers, quarter ending Oct. 1	72	08
Dec. 12	Rec'd from sale of Charles Wilson's goods,	30	27
Dec. 14	Rec'd National bank tax,	50	
-			
Dec. 14	Rec'd Corporation tax,	69	
Dec 14	Rec'd State Aid,	335	00
1897			
	TO 13 A CV / PM TO A 3		
Jan. 13	Rec'd from County Treasurer, Dog fund,	54	70
Jan. 27	Rec'd income Mass School fund,	430	06
Feb 2	Rec'd from J. L. Twing for book,		05
	Doc'd from Envisorials & Themason estate		
Feb. 25	Rec'd from Frederick S. Thompson estate,	102	77
	Rec'd from U. W. Gregory, rent of school		
	house hall,	16	75
	Rec'd from B. E. Tyron, collector for 1895,	363	82
	Rec'd from W. S. Bidwell, auctioneer's license	300	
		_	00
	for 1896,		00
	Rec'd from W. F. Miner, Collector for 1896,	3,715	48-\$6,759 98
1896	WILBUR F. MINER, Treast	arer.	Cr.
Ml D		0	00
	paying abatement of John Conly, 1895,	2	00
March 26	Paying interest on Great Barrington Savings		
	bank note,	50	00
	,		

June 27 June 29	Paying interest on Mrs. M. E. Langdon notes, Paying interest on two Fund Society notes to	\$38	34
	W. S. Bidwell, Treas	- 40	84
August 1	Discount allowed on taxes to August 1,		17
August 11	Paying abatement of M. McPherson, for 1895,		00
artig days	Paying for recording deed of C. Wilson place,	_	50
Sept. 15	Paying on Great Barrington Savings bank note,	700	
Oct. 15	Paying to W. S. Bidwell, interest on Fund	,,,,	00
000. 10	Society note.	13	50
Oct. 17	Paying W. S. Bidwell, officers' fees in H.	10	00
000. 11	Wilson case.	17	60
Nov. 3	Paying County tax,	396	
Nov. 19	Paying Library Trustee order,		00
Dec. 10	Paying State tax,	175	
Dec. 21	Paying Town of Great Barrington, tuition of	110	100
Dec. 21	G. Stevens,	10	50
Dec. 21	Paying town of Great Barrington, tuition of	10	30
Dec. 21	Clara Langdon,	11	25
- Po-	Clara Hangdon,	11	20
1897 Jan. 6	Paying W. S. Bidwell, interest on five Fund		
Jan. O	Society notes, up to Jan. 1, 1897.	50	40
Jan. 12		300	
	Paying balance of Savings bank note,		
Jan. 12	Paying interest on same,	17	58
Jan. 14	Paying F. H. Wright, insurance on school	99	<b>F</b> 0
	house,	22	
	Paying abatement, Mrs. Timothy Curtin, 1896,		00
	Paying abatement, Mrs. Mary Loom, 1896,	_	50
	Paying abatement, Ira R. Lawson, 1896		48
	Paying abatement, R. R. Brewer, 1896,		00
	Paying abatement, Arthur Gleason, 1896,		00
	Paying abatement, John Lorch, 1896,		00
	Paying abatement, Mrs. John Jackson, 1896,		88
	Paying selectmen's orders,	4,602	
	Balance in treasury,	209	91-\$6,759 98

### SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

### SUPPORT OF POOR.

Paid Mrs. George Maxwell,		\$144 00
Mrs. Ella Freeman, for Al	bert Minsley.	120 00
II. W. Langdon, for Alber		(5 40)
Nancy O'Heath, for Marth		97 00
Henry Snyder, grave for S		3 (0)
E. B. Culver, caskets, etc.		42 00
Town of Great Barrington,		210 00
F. H. Wright, Markham e.		20 36
H. W. Langdon, merchan		1 50
Edward H. Shook, for S.		15 00
W. S. Bidwell, care and ex		5 00
F. G. Heath, care and expe	ense of poor,	7 50
Northampton Lunatic Hos	pital, for Mrs. Johnson,	169 92
66	" Fred S. Thomson,	144 39
66 66	" H. M Underwood,	44 57
. 66	" Harriet F. Rogers,	58 39
For Charles Wilson, sickness, but	rial, etc.,	140 80
		Ø1 004 09
Ch	NAME ATO	\$1.224 83
\$1	TATE AID.	
Paid Alonzo W. Brett,		\$48 00
William E. Bump,		48 00
Lovinia L. Bradburn,		20 00
Timothy Curtin,		72 00
Sarah J. Gregory,		46 00
James M Kinne,		54 00
William M Maxwell,		48 00
Porter H. Sears,		70 00
Winfield S. Tyrrell,		48 00
		\$454 00
TITOTIMA	YS AND BRIDGES.	\$404 OO
	15 AND BRIDGES.	0
Paid F. Brochu,		\$4 00
William Barnum,		1 00
Elmer Kinne,		7 25
Chester Burrows,		13 25
Ralph Langdon,		8 00
John Daley,		1 50
Daniel Leary,		2 00
J. M. Kinne,		2 13
A M. Shaw, for repairs,		17 60
Edward Woodford,		67 38
M. S. Bidwell,		405 20
James McManus,		91 75 45 50
James: Martin,		A.,
N. G. Adams,		4 47 2 00
Frank Pierson,		2 00

L. Batteffe,	\$4 .14
E. J. Goewey,	46 45 8 12
Smith Ariel, D niel L'ahe <b>y,</b>	27 0:
W. A. Hall,	5 25
John Leary,	1 13
Peter Scott,	8 75 15 40
John Martin, Ferry Brouker,	13 50
Fred Dorman,	5 50
Kinne and Harz,	4 10
William McCarthy,	15 98
Clarence Wellman,	2 25 2 50
C. Scott, L. B. Hall,	1 50
Wallace Wright,	4 50
S B Carrington,	1 75
A. W Brett,	4 50
W. W. Hall, C. E. Worden,	1 00 2 00
F. G. Heath,	11 65
	\$859 70
NEW BRIDGES.	
Paid J. M. Kinne,	<b>\$</b> 42 50
Bert Whitney,	2 30
Edward Whitney,	3 60
Winford Pinney, W. S Bidwell,	1 10 2 00
Elmer Kinne,	27 62
H. W. Langdon, F. Brochu,	37 00
F. Brochu,	2 00
I. F. Loom,	13 00 16 22
J. A. Brewer, J. K. Hadsell,	120 29
P. C. Harmon,	3 00
F. G. Heath,	9 50
	\$230 13
TOWN OFFICERS.	
Paid M. V. Thomson, Assessor,	\$16 00
A. J. Hall, Assessor,	20 00
A. W. Brett, Assessor, C. W. Gregory, Inspector of Cattle, etc.,	15 00 29 07
G. W. Morse, Election Officer.	2 00
G. W. Morse, Election Officer, M V. Thomson, Election Officer,	2 00
F. G. Heath, Selectman,	80 (0
W. S. Bidwell, Selectman,	20 00 10 00
P. C. Harmon, Selectman, J. L. Twing, School Committee,	20 00
C. W. Gregory, School Committee,	9 00
E. D. Harmon, School Committee,	12 50
W.F Minor, Sealer of Weights and Measures,	2 00
W. F. Minor, Treasurer, W. F. Minor, Tax Collector,	15 00 45 00
H. W. Langdon, Town ( terk,	17 50
H. W. Langdon, Town Clerk, H. W. Langdon, Registrar of Voters,	2 00
W S. Bidwell, Registrar of Voters,	2 00
Henry Clapp, Auditor,	2 00
e	\$271 07

### CONTINGENT EXPENSES.

	CONTINGENT EXPENSES.	
	Paid W. F. Miner, stamps, stationery, etc.,	\$2 00
	O. T. Stedman, damage to wagon,	. 2 20
	Timothy Curtin, damage to wagon,	16 00
	Berkshire Courier Co., printing report,	15 00 3 90
	I. R. Prindle, Police badges, M. V. Thomson,	3 50
	William Hart, plow,	13 00
	Henry Clapp, repairs ballot box,	1 00
	William Gangell, scraper,	2 50
	W. S Bidwell, postage, stationery, etc.,	3 93
	H. W. Langdon, sundries,	14 24 5 00
	H. W. Langdon, shed for hearse,	3 00
	H. W. Langdon, room for seals, H. W. Langdon, expense in Reservoir case,	6 10
	Meeting House Society, use of hall,	25 00
	M. S. Bidwell, insurance.	4 80
	M. S. Bidwell, driving hearse,	15 00
	F H. Wright, Reservoir case, F H Wright, retainer and expenses,	9 00
	F H Wright, retainer and expenses,	17 70 3 00
	F. G. Heath, work and expense Reservoir case, F. G. Heath, expense for State road,	27 52
	F. G. Heath, expense for State road,	~ ~ ~
		<b>\$</b> 193 39
	SCHOOLS.	*
	Paid orders School Committee,	Ø1 910 RR
		<b>\$</b> 1,319 66
	RECAPITULATION.	
	Paid for support of poor,	<b>\$</b> 1.224 83
	for State Aid,	454 00
	for highways and bridges,	859 70
	for new bridges, for town officers,	280 13 271 07
	for contingent expenses,	193 39
	for schools,	1,319 66
		<b>\$</b> 4,602 78
	ASSETS OF TOWN.	
	Cash on hand,	\$209 91
	School books,	150 00
	dearse,	250 00
	Road machine, Safe,	$\begin{array}{cccc} 275 & 00 \\ 130 & 00 \end{array}$
	Due for State Aid,	454 00
		18 89
1	Due H. P. Fargo, note and interest, Due from Tax Collector 1895.	360 59
	Que from State Treasurer, for Northampton,	76 95
	Oue from State Treasurer, for tuition,	40 50
	Oue from State Treasurer, for Cattle Inspector, Charles Wilson, real estate,	14 53
	Due from William Forest,	300 00 18 00
	Ort ser per,	6 50
	Dirt scraper,	2 50
	Plow,	13 00
2	Scraper blade,	8 00
		<b>@0</b> 900 97
	Balance against the town,	\$2 328 37 1,110 59
	and a game of the country	1,110 00
		<b>\$3,438 96</b>

### LIABILITIES.

Notes due Fund society, Notes due Savings bank, Notes due Mrs. M. E. Langdon, \$1,878 96 1,000 00 560 00

\$3.438 96

F. G. HEATH, P. C. HARMON. WM. S. BIDWELL Selectmen of Monterey.

Examined and found correct.

Feb. 27, 1897.

HENRY CLAPP, Auditor.

### SCHOOL COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

Fellow Townsmen: Your committee respectfully submit the following report of the condition and needs of our public schools, and request your thoughtful consideration of its statements and suggestions. During the year, 103 pupils have received instruction in our schools. In the Morse school, whooping cough prevented a full term in the fall, and there were but two terms of that school. The stone school-house was suitably repaired and opened for a winter school, to accommodate the scholars in that locality. The other schools of the town had sessions of thirty-four weeks during the year.

Pupils have made fair progress in all the schools. The discipline has been good, and the average attendance high, when the fact of epidemic disease is considered. The per cent. of attendance in the Corashire school was 96; Village, 92; Pond, 80; Old Centre, 86; Morse and Stone, not reported.

In looking over the registers, we note too much tardiness; in one instance 80 times, and in another 56 times, in an attendance of 125 days. Now there may be a valid excuse for one or two tardy marks, but not for so many as that. Punctuality is due to the pupil, the school and the teacher, for all suffer loss, whenever a pupil is late. As was suggested last year, we have added to our supplementary reading by the purchase of No.'s I, II and III of the New Normal, the Normal Series of Readers, and of Robinson Crusoe and Water Babies. This plan has given us more supplementary reading, and been of great benefit to the pupils. By its further use, pupils in the higher grades will be enabled to read wholes, instead of scraps as heretofore.

We have striven after *thought* rather than the completion of a text-book, as it is what the pupil can *draw* from his store of knowledge that he is to use in the every day business of life. In doing this, our public library is of great benefit. Pupils have been directed in their reading from it during the past year, and thus the dry bones of the text-books have taken on a more sub-

stantial, and material form, in which there is some spirit. Too much emphasis can not be placed on the importance of reading—not the mere repetition of words but an intelligent rendering of the author's ideas and thoughts. Drill in this branch should not be omitted. It is the foundation of all learning, for without a knowledge of the meaning of words, how can the pupil grasp the thought? Arithmetic has a theoretical rather than a practical significance in the minds of pupils, but if it can be brought to the latter use, a more thorough knowledge will be gained. To this end we would suggest that the pupil ascertain facts for himself, by actual count, measurement or weight. Let him "to do by doing."

A teachers' institute was held in Mill River, June 5, which all our teachers attended. Two teachers' meetings were held during the winter term.

Agent G. T. Fletcher of the Massachusetts Board of Education, inspected our schools near the close of the fall term.

Agreeably to Mr. Fletcher's suggestion, three teachers were given a special examination by the chairman of the committee, for an increase of salary as is provided by Chapter 408 of the Laws of 1896, to towns of less than \$250,000 valuation. This is a very beneficent act on the part of the State, as it enables the poorer towns to retain their best qualified and experienced teachers.

During the coming year, we would suggest a short written examination of at least one branch of study every month, and more frequent oral reviews.

Had we a thousand tongues, we would say to parents "visit the schools." Your advice may be useful to the school; outside your interest is certain to be a help. Teachers should realize this, and should make their schools so attractive that the parents will visit them. Give them a warm welcome; show them your methods, and you will do them — the pupils — and yourself good. When they go, give them a hearty invitation to come again.

We would ask the following appropriations for the coming year: \$700 for schools, \$100 of which may be used for carrying of scholars; \$75 for books, and \$75 for repairs.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

E. D. HARMON, for the Committee.

Monterey, Mass., March 1, 1897.

### FINANCIAL

### APPROPRIATIONS.

For Schools,	\$600	00
Carrying scholars,	100	
Books,	100	
Repairs,		00
	430	
And the second s	87	
Dog Tax,	,	70
Rent of Hall,	19	*
For Books,	. I	, -
Balance from 1896,	* 58	52-\$1,476 28
PAID FOR TEAC	CHING.	
Amelia A. Bidwell,	\$272	00
May A. Cutting,	204	
E. D. Harmon,	204	
Alice Martin,	125	
Annie I. Twing,	120	
Maybelle Griswold,	' 60	
Ellen Wright,	50	
Emma B. Fargo,	. 12	00-\$1,047 00
REPAIRS		
Jas. L. Twing,	. 2	25
C. W. Gregory,	2	70
H. W. Langdon,		72
Mr. Griswold,		00- \$13 67
BOOKS AND SU	PPLIES.	
		00
Werner School Book Co.,		00
Edw. Babb & Co.,	4	37

23 81

5 50

20 68

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3 30-

80 47

American Book Co.,

D. C. Heath & Co.,

Houghton, Mifflin & Co.,

Cecil T. Bagnall,

E. D. Harmon,

Ginn & Co.,

### CARRYING SCHOLARS.

Jennie F. Rogers,	\$68	00			
J. L. Twing,	46	00			
Mrs. Smith Ariail,	24	00			
A. M. Dowd,		00- \$163 00			
F	UEL.				
A. W. Brett,	44	25			
G. W. Morse,		25			
H. W. Langdon,	I	20- \$46 70			
GENERAL	EXPENSES.				
Cleaning school houses,	10	00			
Building fires, etc.,	21				
Flags and ropes,	9	· ·			
Postage and express,					
School room supplies,	. 2	75 35— \$49 32			
Total Appropriations		\$1,476 28			
Total Expenditures,		1,400 16			
zotał zarpenaros,					
Balance,		\$76 12			
JAS. L. TWING, C. W. GREGORY, E. D. HARMON,					

Monterey, Mass., Feb. 27, 1897.

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### ARTICLES IN WARRANT.

To be Acted Upon at Annual Town Meeting, March 28, 1898.

- Article 1. To choose a Moderator.
  - 2. To choose all necessary Town Officers.
  - 3. To hear and act on Reports.
  - 4. To hear and act on list of Jurors.
  - 5. To raise money for Contingent Expenses, Town Officers and Poor.
  - 6. To raise money for Schools.
  - 7. To raise money for Highways, Bridges, Etc.
  - 8. To see if Town will pay Snow Bills, winter 1897, 1898.
  - 9. To decide manner of Collecting Taxes.
  - 10. To vote "Yes" or "No," on License Question.
  - 11. To elect Fire Wards.
  - 12. To raise money for Public Library.
  - To see if Town will make appropriation for a Sinking Fund.
  - 14. To appoint an Officer to Sell and Deed Real Estate.
  - 15. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

### LIST OF JURORS.

Henry W. Langdon,	-	_	_	_		Merchant
George L. Keyes,	AM		-			Farmer
Charles Hyde,			-		~	6.6
William Barnum,		-	-		-	4.6
Fred. Benedict,	-	-	-	-	-	66
A. M. Dowd,	-		-	-	-	6.6
E. D. Harmon,	_	_	_	_	-	6.6
J. W. Gregory.	-	-	_	40	_	6.6

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### TREASURER'S REPORT, TOWN OF MONTEREY.

1897.		WILBUR F. MINER, Treasurer.			Dr.
Marc	h 1,	To balance in treasury,	\$209	91	
	1,	Rec'd from J. L. Twing, rent of school	_		
	20,	house, '96, Rec'd from State Treasurer, reim-	3	00	
	۵0,	bursement for lunatic paupers for			
		quarter ending Jan. 1,	76	95	
April	2,	Received from District Court, quar-			
Morr	9	ter ending March 31,	(5	34	
May	3,	Borrowed from Great Barrington Savings Bank,	600	00	
	18,	Received from State Treasurer, re-	000	00	
		imbursement for Cattle Inspector,			
Turno	0	1896,	14	54	
June	3,	Received from State Treasurer, re- imbursement for lunatic paupers,			
		quarter ending April 1,	54	67	
	15,	Received from State Treasurer, for			
	00	for charity children,	36	50	
	28,	Borrowed from Great Barrington Savings Bank,	700	00	
July	8,	Received from District Court, quar-	100	00	
		ter ending June 30,	3	00	
Sept.	18,	Received from State Treasurer, re-			
		imbursement for lunatic paupers, quarter ending July 1,	31	69	
Oct.	6,		01	00	
		ter ending Sept. 30,	10	96	
Nov.	3,	Received from State Treasurer, re-	~0	= ()	
	3,	imbursement for tuition, Received from State Treasurer, Mass.	52	90	
	ο,	school fund for extra pay of teach-			
		_ers,	144	00	
Dec.	13,		-0	0.0	
	13,	poration tax, Received from State Treasurer, Na-	70	82	
	10,	tional Bank tax,	53	60	
	13,	Received from State Treasurer, State			
1000		aid,	442	00	
1898. Jan.	5,	Received from State Treasurer, re-			
o am.	Ο,	imbursement for lunatic paupers,			
		quarter ending Oct. 1,	32	0:3	
	18,		10	~ 1)	
	26,	dog fund, Received from State Treasurer, Mass.	48	99	
	20,	school fund,	445	03	
Feb.	15,	, Received from State Treasurer, re-			
		imbursement for lunatic paupers,	20	Λ2	
	15,	quarter ending Dec. 31, Received of C. W. Gregory, rent of	32	US	
	1.79	school hall,	13	00	
	15,	Received of B. E. Tryon, collector			
		for 1895,	360	59	

'n.

Mch.	15,	Received from H. P. Fargo, on note,	2	00	
	15,	Received from W. S. Bidwell, auctioneer's license,	. 2	00	
	15,	Received from F. M. Harmon, butch-			
	15,	er's license, Received from W. F. Miner, tax col-	1	00	
	10,	lector, 1897,	4,379	16	
	15,	Received from F. G. Heath, reim-		00	
		burse penalty,	Z	00	\$7,827
		***			,
1897.		WILBUR F. MINER, Treasurer.			(
Mch.	26,	By paying interest on Great Barring-			
Ammil	٠)	ton Savings Bank note, By paying E. G. Foote, Treasurer's	<b>\$</b> 50	00	
April	3,	blanks,	1	00	
	12,	By paying Wm. S. Bidwell, sheriff			
		fees in Allen H. Son and Eugene Casivant case,	16	60	
	13,	By paying L. Pilon, costs in H.	10	00	
3.5		Brewer case.	30	57	
May	3,	By paying on Great Barrington Savings Bank note for town debt,	250	00	
June	28,	By paying Town of Great Barring-			
		ton, tuition for C. Langdon and G.	90	75	
	28,	Stevens, By paying Wm. S. Bidwell, interest	90	10	
		on Fund Society notes,	40	84	
July	21,	By paying E. H. Shook, cost in C. Johnson case,	9	64	
	22,	By paying Wm. S. Bidwell, in J. F.	and	O 1	
		Conly and R. Brennan case,	16	74	
	24,	By paying L. Pilon, cost in Wm. Cuorlean case,	4	00	
	24,	By paying L. Pilon, cost in O. J.			
	ν.4	Watkins case,	6	60	
	24,	By paying Mrs. Mary E. Langdon, interest on note to June 27,	25	20	
Aug.	10,	By paying Great Barrington Savings	Hoo	00	
	10.	Bank Note, By paying Interent on Same,	700	08	
Nov.	17,	By paying County Treasurer County			
Dag		Tax,	435		
Dec.	6, 13,	By paying Library Trust Order, By paying State Treasurer's Penalty	40	()()	
	20,	for failure to make Returns, Chap.			
	13,	84, Sec. 37, P. S. By paying State Tax,	$\frac{2}{175}$	00	
	31,	By paying Great Barrington Savings	110	00	
		Bank Note,	600		
1898.	31,	By paying Interest on Same,	19	82	
Jan.	3,	By paying W. S. Bidwell, treasurer,			
	.)	interest on Fund Society Note. By paying W. S. Bidwell, treasurer,	13	50	
	3,	interest on five Fund Society			
		Note,	58	40	
	18,	By paying Town of Great Barrington, tuition 5 pupils, one term,	50	20	
		on, unition o pupilo, one term,	90	200	

3.5		D ' C 1 D ' 1 C			
Mar.	11,	By paying on Great Barrington Sav- ings Bank note for town debt,	250	00	
	11,	By paying 3 per cent. discount on	2.70	00	
	,	taxes to Aug. 1,	55	41	
	11,	By paying abatement of Ira A. Law-			
	4.4	son, 1896,	1	27	
	11,	By paying abatement of Jona Townsend Estate, 1897,	1	80	
	11.	By paying abatement of Patrick	1.	00	
	,	O'Hare, 1897,	2	()()	
	11,	By paying abatement of Timothy			
	11	McMahon, 1897,	2	00	
	11,	By paying abatement of George H. Stannard, 1897,	9.	00	
	11,	By paying abatement of Daniel	2	00	
	,	Leary, 1897,	2	00	
	11,	By paying abatement of Mrs. Minerva			
	4 10	Forrest, 1897,	4 505	81	
	15,	By paying orders of Selectmen,	4,727		
	15,	Balance cash in treasuzy,	100	00	\$7.827.85

### SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

### SUPPORT OF POOR.

Paid Mrs. Geo. Maxwell.	\$184 55
Ellen Olmstead,	130 12
Sickness and Burial of John Strong,	75 50
Nancy Heath, for Martha Pomeroy,	101 50
	20 00
Ella Freeman, for Albert Minsley,	
George H. Hopgood, for Albert Minsley,	16 50
W. S. Bidwell, For Albert Minsley,	11 94
F. G. Heath, for Albert Minsley,	2 60
Northampton Lunatic Hospital, for Mrs. Rogers,	31 11
Northampton Lunatic Hospital, for Mrs. Johnson,	169 46
F. Brochu, grave for poor,	4 00
A. A. Dowd, tramps,	2 ()()
L. Pilon, on Forrest matter,	1 50
F. G. Heath, care and expense of poor,	12 50
	7 50
W. S. Bidwell, care and expense of poor,	
P. C. Harmon,	2 00
	\$772 78
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### STATE AID.

Paid Alonzo W. Brett,	\$48 00
Wm. E. Bump,	48 00
Timothy Curtin,	72 00
Sarah J. Gregory,	48 00
James M. Kinne,	72 00
Wm. M. Maxwell,	48 00
Porter H. Sears,	72 00
Winfield S. Tyrell,	48 00
	\$456 00

### HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.	
Paid M. S. Bidwell,	\$400 00
J. K. Hadsell Estate,	80 00
James McManus,	77 00
James Martin,	61 63
John Gregory,	51 69
E. Woodford,	42 75
Shultis Bros.,	42 72
E. Pierson,	41 25
D. Leary,	32 23
S. Arail,	24 62
A. A. Dowd,	23 49
F. G. Heath,	20 00
E. Goewey,	18 50
J. F. Griswold,	17 00
R Wilson,	13 13
William McCarthy,	12 35
M. V. Thomson,	8 50
C. H. Scott,	7 50
Henry Rogers,	6 25
F. Brochu,	6 00
E. J. Kinne,	6 00
C. W. Gregory,	5 13
L. Battelle.	5 96
H. N. Wright,	5 00
H. N. Wright, S. W. Hyde,	7 40
J. Tihorn,	5 00
L. B. Hall,	4 25
J. Doley,	4 00
P. Scott,	3 75
J. C. Martin,	4 50
J. M. Kinne,	3 00
E. H. Shook,	2 70
E. W. McCarthy,	2 70
W. Hall,	3 00
C. Burrows,	1 25
C. Fuller,	1 25
A. Griswold,	1 25
John Palmer,	1 50
B. S. Carrington,	1 25
F. M. Harmon,	1 00
C. Wellman,	50
Repair Scraper,	5 10
Good Road Machine Co.,	4 00
George Spencer,	1 00
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	\$1,067 10
TOWN OFFICERS.	
Doid A T Holl Aggagger	# 90 00

Paid A. J. Hall, Assessor,	\$20 00
George W. Morse, Assessor,	25 00
George W. Morse, Assessor	10 00
B. E. Tryon, Auditor '95, Collector -	75 00
F. G. Heath, Selectman,	30 00
William S. Bidwell, Selectman,	20 00
William S. Bidwell, Constable,	5 '00
P. C. Harmon, Selectman,	10 00
L. H. Mallory Cattle Inspector	18 00

Paid Wilbur F. Miner, Collector, Wilbur F. Miner, Treasurer, Wilbur F. Miner, Weights and Measures, J. L. Twing, School Committee, C. W. Gregory, School Committee, H. W. Langdon, Town Clerk, H. W. Langdon, Attending Town Clerk Meeting, H. W. Langdon, Registrar of Voters, H. W. Langdon, Return Births, etc., A. J. Hall, Election Officer, B. E. Tryon, Election Officer, L. N. Mollory, Election Officer, E. H. Stedman, Election Officer, F. M. Harmon, Election Officer, Henry Clapp, Election Officer, Henry Clapp, Auditor,	\$50 00 16 00 2 00 19 50 5 00 8 00 2 00 3 75 2 00 4 00 2 00 2 00 2 00 2 00 2 00 2 00 2 00 3 75 2 00 4 00 2 00 2 00 3 75 2 00 4 00 5 00 5 00 5 00 5 00 6 00 6 00 7 00 8
CONTINGENT EXPENSES.	
Paid W. S. Bidwell, postage and stationery, W. F. Miner, postage and stationery, G. W. Morse, postage and stationery, J. F. Griswold, 4th July, H. W. Langdon, 4th July, Mr. Watson, 4th July, D. C. Tryon, 4th July, Timothy Curtin, Timothy Curtin, balance on wagon, Berkshire Courier, printing, Eagle Publishing Co., printing, E. G. Foote, printing, D. C. Tryon, H. W. Langdon, bill, H. W. Langdon, bill for schools, H. W. Langdon, bill, Meeting House Society, M. S. Bidwell, driving hearse, H. W. Langdon, shed for hearse, H. W. Langdon, room for town seals,	\$5 35 2 00 1 10 6 90 17 20 4 00 1 50 30 00 1 49 12 00 7 50 4 50 3 00 26 18 21 81 25 00 25 00 6 00 5 00 3 00
SCHOOLS.	
Paid orders School Committee,	1,886 18
RECAPITULATION.	
Paid Schools, Paid State Aid, Highways and Bridges, Town Officers, Support of Poor, Contingent,	\$1,886 18 456 00 1,067 10 337 25 772 78 208 53 \$4,727 84

### ASSETS OF TOWN.

Cash on hand,	\$199	90
Due from State Treasurer, for tuition,	59	20
Due from State Treasurer, for extra pay of teachers,	144	00
Due from State Treasurer, for State Aid,	456	
Due from State Treasurer, for Cattle Inspector,		00
Due from H. P. Fargo, note,		00
Due from William Forrest,		00
Charles Wilson Estate,	500	
School books,	150	
Hearse,	250	
Road machine,	275	00
Safe,	130	00
Dirt Scraper,	6	50
Plow,	13	00
	\$2,025	60
Balance against the town,	913	
	\$2,938	96
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### LIABILITIES.

Notes due Fund Society,	\$1,878 96
Notes Due Savings Bank,	500 00
Notes due Mrs. M. E. Langdon,	560 00
	\$2,938 96

F. G. HEATH, WM. S. BIDWELL, of Monterey.

Examined and found correct.

HENRY CLAPP, Auditor.

March 15, 1898.

### SCHOOL COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The school committee would respectfully submit the following report:

Schools have been in session as follows: Village, Corashire and Old Center, thirty-five weeks each; Pond District, thirty-six weeks; Morse and Stone School House, twelve weeks each. During the spring and fall terms the pupils were carried from the Morse District to the Old Center, and from the Stone School House to Corashire. As this plan is not feasible during the winter, we opened the two schools.

Under present conditions our schools should be consolidated into three during the spring and fall terms. The expense would be lessened by about one-third and the schools would be better than when they are so small. The cost per pupil in some of our small schools is upwards of a dollar a week.

Our registers show an improvement in regard to tardiness but in some cases there is chance for more. In one register there are only nine tardy marks during the whole year and these were in the winter term and four against one pupil. This school, Corashire, had twelve pupils in the spring, eleven in the fall and six in the winter. The pupils themselves can do much, if they try, to improve the record in this respect and the teachers can do much, but it is only when parents, teachers and pupils all work together that the desired result can be obtained. In some towns a banner is furnished to be held by the school showing the best record for attendance. Some such device might prove an incentive to the schools of this town to try to improve their records.

There are a few pupils in town who are very irregular in attendance. Parents, you owe it to your children to see that nothing but absolute necessity keeps them from school. Do not blame the teacher if your children fail to make progress in their studies if you allow them to stay at home one or more days each week. Time thus lost can never be made up.

We have placed two sets of primary language charts in the schools, which have proved of much help to the teachers. We would advise placing in each school an International Dictionary. The schools are now supplied with small dictionaries, but very often a larger work is found to be desirable and our large ones are about fifty or sixty years old—very good as relics, but scarcely up to the times as works of reference.

We have reshingled the Morse School House and ceiled the school room in the village. The school house in the village needs

painting, and there should be some grading done in front of the building.

Our accounts show that we have overdrawn the appropriation somewhat, but there were old bills amounting to over ninety dollars. Some of these may need some explanation. The bill for tuition to the town of Sandisfield was for schooling some of our pupils during three or four years several years ago and no bill was presented at the time. The original bill as presented was for some more than the amount paid, as we were able to have it discounted for various reasons. The bill for carrying scholars was also one that run for about two years before any bill was presented. There was some misunderstanding about a verbal contract and it took some time to effect a settlement, but we were able to settle as shown in our report.

So far as we know all bills are now paid except one of probably less than five dollars.

We would thank the town for its generous support and confidence in the committee as shown heretofore in the willingness to appropriate all needed money to carry into effect the recommendations of the board.

We would ask appropriations as follows for the coming year: \$700 for schools, \$200 of which may be used for transportation, \$75 for books and \$75 for repairs.

### For the Committee,

JAS. L. TWING, Chairman.

Monterey, Mass., March 15, 1898.

### FINANCIAL.

### APPROPRIATIONS.

		\$1,700 38
Balance from 1897,	76 12	
Rent of hall,	13 00	
Tuition of State wards,	36 50	)
State Aid for teachers,	144 00	)
Dog Tax,	48 53	
Town Fund,	87 20	)
State Fund,	445 03	
Repairs,	<b>75</b> 00	)
Books,	75 00	
Carrying scholars,	100 00	)
For Schools,	\$600 00	)

### PAID FOR TEACHING.

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Amelia A. Bidwell, E. D. Harmon, May A. Cutting, Mrs. May A. Langdon, Annie I. Twing, Annie M. Benson, Charlotte E. Dowd, Clara E. Langdon,		\$328 00 258 00 186 00 72 00 60 00 120 00 66 00 60 00	\$1,150 00
BOOKS	AND SUPPLIES.		
American Book Co., J. L. Hammett Co., Wm. Ware & Co., Werner School Book Co., Franklin Publishing Co., Geo. F. King & Co., Berkshire Courier Co., E. D. Harmon, J. L. Twing,		\$21 78 4 50 50 5 76 30 00 8 27 3 00 2 05 60	<b>\$</b> 76 46
	REPAIRS.		
E. D. Harmon, E. D. Whitney, William Hart, D. C. Tryon, (old bill,) C. W. Gregory, C. R. Brewer Lumber Co., J. K. Hadsell Estate,		\$1 05 8 85 40 6 50 15 15 27 97 10 75	\$70 67
CARRY	ING SCHOLARS.		
R. J. Langdon, (old bill,) J. L. Twing, Jennie F. Rogers, John Martin, A. M. Dowd, Mrs. Smith Ariail,		\$40 00 46 00 70 00 46 00 46 00 30 00	\$278 00
	FUEL.		
J. McManus, (old bill,) Ellsworth J. Kinne, Geo. A. Stevens, O. H. Munson, William Hart, (sawing wood	l,) .	\$21 00 53 60 11 00 2 50 1 00	\$89 10

### GENERAL EXPENSES.

Tuition to Sandisfield, (old bill,)	\$25 00	
Building fires, etc.,	23 30	
Cleaning school houses,	8 00	
Care of books,	6 00	
Postage and express,	1 25	
	Secretarion of the second of t	\$65

Total Expenditures, \$1,727 78
Total Appropriations, 1,700 38

Overdrawn, \$27 50

JAS. L. TWING, C. W. GREGORY, E. D. HARMON,

Monterey, Mass., March 15, 1898.



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### WARRANT.

# Articles In Warrant to be Acted Upon at Annual Town Meeting, March 27, 1899.

Article 1. To choose a Moderator.

- 2. To choose all necessary Town Officers.
- 3. To hear and act on reports.
- 4. To hear and act on list of jurors.
- 5. To raise money for Contingent Expenses, Town Officers and Poor.
- 6. To raise money for schools.
- 7. To raise money for Highways, Bridges, etc.
- 8. To decide manner of Collecting Taxes.
- 9. To vote "Yes" or "No," on License question.
- 10. To elect Fire Wards.
- 11. To raise money for Public Library.
- 12. To see if Town will make appropriation for a Sinking fund.
- 13. To appoint an Officer to Sell and Deed Real Estate.
- 14. To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer to borrow money, in anticipation of taxes.
- 15. To see if the Town will appoint a Road Commissioner.

#### List of Jurors.

Henry W. Langdon,	-	-	-	-	100	-	Merchant
George L. Keyes,	-	-	-	-	-	. <b>-</b>	Farmer
William Barnum,	-	-	-	-	~	-	6.6
A. M. Dowd, -	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.6
E. D. Harmon, -	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.6
J. W. Gregory, -	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.6
Rufus Brett, -		-	-	-	-	-	6.6
H. P. Fargo, -	- 2	-	-			-	6.6
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#### Guide Boards.

Eight guide boards are maintained by the Town and are posted at the following places: One at Pixley Corners, one in Corashire, one in the village of Monterey, one near the Creamery, one near F. G. Heath's, one at the William Hall corner, one near M. S. Bidwell's, and one near the Morse School House. All are in good repair.

### TREASURER'S REPORT.

### For Year Ending March 15, 1899.

1898.		WILBUR F. MINER, Treasurer.	Di	r.
March	28	To balance in treasury from 1897,	\$199	90
May	2	Borrowed from Great Barrington Savings		
		Bank,	500	00
May		Received from sale of Wilson land,	120	00
June	7	Received from state treasurer, reimburse-		
_		ment for cattle inspector,		00
June	-	Borrowed from W. F. Miner,	500	00
Aug.	6	Received from state treasurer for education, state children,	0.5	00
A 11 0	T #	Received balance of H. P. Fargo note,	Ŭ	00
Aug.		Received batance of Ir. F. Pargo note, Received butcher's license, A. J. Hall,		57
Dec.	-	Received butcher's ficense, A. J. Hall, Received from state treasurer, corporation	1	00
Dec.	12	tax.	82	56
Dec.	12	Received from National bank tax,		48
Dec.		Received from State aid,	456	-
Dec.	Ι2	Massachusetts school fund to compensate	10	
		teachers,	188	00
Dec.	Ι2	Tuition of children in small towns,	114	40
1899				
Jan.	4	Received from district court for quarter		
		ending December 31,	5	00
Jan.	_	Received from dog tax,	29	05
Jan.	26	Received from state treasurer Massachu-		
		setts school fund,	479	62
Jan.	26	Received from state treasurer reimburse-		
~		ments for lunatic paupers,	127	08
Jan.	26	Received from C. W. Gregory rent of school hall,		
Tan.	26	Received from Wm. Howkin, for bill heads,	17	00
Jan.		Received from W. F. Miner, collector for		85
Jan		1898	3,740	93
			\$6,664	44

1898. WILBUR F. MINER, Treasurer.		Cr	•	
March	26	By paying interest on Great Barrington		
		Savings Bank note,	\$ 38	25
May	4	By paying F.H. Wright for making deed,	1	00
July	7	By paying Great Barrington, tuition of		
т 1		scholars, spring term,	55	20
July	26	By paying W. S. Bidwell, treasurer, inter-		
Δ.		est on Fund Society note,	40	84
Aug.	1	By paying Mrs. M. E. Langdon, interest on		
<b>d</b> ,		note to June 27, 1898,	25	20
Sept.	2	By paying note of Great Barrington Sav-		
		ings Bank,	500	
Sept.		By paying interest on the same, .	8	33
Sept.	20	By paying W. S. Bidwell, treasurer,		
		interest on Fund Society note to Septem-		
		ber 18, 1898,	13	50
Oct.		By paying county tax,	512	02
Nov.	17	By paying W. S. Bidwell, officers' fees in		
		Martin Angelo case,	13	20
Dec.	10	By paying W. S. Bidwell, officers' fees in		
		Bishop case,	<b>†</b> I	03
Dec.	Ι2	By paying state tax,	135	00
Dec.	30	By paying W. F. Miner, note,	500	00
Dec.	30	By paying interest on same,	I 2	50
1899				
Jan.	3	By paying Town of Great Barrington,		
		tuition of scholars for fall term,	90	00
Jan.	9	By paying M. V. Thomson, treasurer of		
		Fund Society, interest on five notes to		
		January 1, 1899,	58	40
Jan.	13	By paying W. W. Norton, fees in Brewer		
		case,	30	14
Jan.	30	By paying on Great Barrington Savings		
		Bank, note on town debt,	300	00
Feb.	23	By paying Great Barrington, tuition of		
		scholars,	105	00
		By paying library trustee, order,	40	00
March	10	By paying abatement of Stephen Coneskie,		
		1897,	2	00

March 10 By paying abatement of Peter O'Hara,		
1897,	2	00
March 10 By paying abatement of J. B. Brown, 1898,	2	00
March 10 By paying abatement of J. W. Hazard,	3	00
1898,	2	00
March 10 By paying abatement of Marshal Jones,		
1898,	2	00
March 10 By paying abatement of Francis Morlett,		
1898,	2	00
March 10 By paying abatement of Tony Porter and		
"Jo," 1898,	4	00
March 10 By paying discount allowed on taxes at 3		
per cent to September 1,	70	86
March 10 By paying town orders,	3,952	16
March 10 Cash in treasury to balance,	104	81
	\$6,664	44

### SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

### Support of Poor.

Paid Northampton Lunatic Hospital (Johnson),	\$169 4	6
Ellen Olmstead,	120 0	0
Nancy Heath—Mrs. Pomeroy,	101 0	I
Mrs. George Maxwell,	72 0	0
Town of Sheffield, for Warren,	49 0	
Expence to North Adams—Maxwell,	13 0	
C. W. Gregory, care of poor,	6 0	
A. M. Dowd, care of poor,	3 0	
D. C. Tryon, keeping tramps,	2 2	
		_
	\$535 8	I
State Aid.		
Paid T. Curtin,	\$ 72 0	О
J. Kinne,	72 0	О
P. Sears,	72 0	0
A. Brett,	48 00	О
W. E. Bump,	48 0	0
Sarah Gregory,	48 0	0
W. Maxwell,	48 00	0
W. S. Tyrrell,	48 00	0
	\$456 00	0
Highways and Bridges.	#45	
Paid A. M. Dowd,	\$214 40	0
George Shultis,	73 3	
S. Maxwell,	53 02	
J. Griswold,	46 00	0
William Howkins,	42 00	
M. S. Bidwell,	32 92	
William Maxwell,	31 98	
E. W. McCarthy,	30 00	
J. W. Gregory,	20 95	

John Martin,	20 00
J. McManus,	19 62
R. Goldberg,	16 50
L. Clark,	14 12
Silas Hyde,	12 83
E. Woodford,	12 00
William Barnum,	12 00
C. W. Gregory,	11 05
W. Vincent,	7 50
L. Battelle,	6 32
H. Rogers,	6 00
I. N. Benedict,	4 50
R. Wilson,	4 50
S. Arial,	4 12
F. G. Heath,	4 10
M. V. Thomson,	3 60
F. Brochu,	3 15
Elmer Kinne,	3 00
G. L. Keyes,	3 00
A. Brett,	3 00
B. Tryon,	2 75
A. A. Dowd,	2 50
J. L. Twing,	<b>2</b> 40
C. Perry,	2 00
H. Wright,	2 00
H. Steadman,	1 50
H. Woods,	I 20
	\$729 90
Snow Bills.	
Paid selectmen orders for 1897-'98,	\$184 50
Charles Worden,	22 20
L. Clark,	16 95
E. J. Kinne,	10 83
W. Hart,	10 60
C. W. Gregory,	8 05
A. M. Dowd,	7 50
Elmer Kinne	5 65
	5 5

S Hyde,		5	40
F. Brochu,			70
C. P. Hyde,			00
B. Tryon,		3	75
B. S. Carrington,		3	
H. Griswold,		3	50
A. J. Hall,		3	00
James Martin,		2	80
F. Maxwell,		2	75
J. Gregory,		2	00
C. Scott,		2	25
J. Griswold,		2	00
S. Jones,		2	00
A. Maxwell,		2	00
P. Fenn,		I	95
C. Waters,		I	30
J. Nye,		1	20
E. Pierson,			75
R. Brett,		I	25
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TOWN OFFICERS		\$315	98
TOWN OFFICERS.			
Paid W. F. Miner, collector,		\$ 50	00
Paid W. F. Miner, collector, W. F. Miner, treasurer,		\$ 50 15	00
Paid W. F. Miner, collector, W. F. Miner, treasurer, W. F. Miner, weights and measures,		\$ 50 15 2	00
Paid W. F. Miner, collector, W. F. Miner, treasurer, W. F. Miner, weights and measures, Geo. W. Morse, assessor,		\$ 50 15 2 40	00 00 00
Paid W. F. Miner, collector, W. F. Miner, treasurer, W. F. Miner, weights and measures, Geo. W. Morse, assessor, A. J. Hall, assessor,		\$ 50 15 2 40 20	00 00 00 00
Paid W. F. Miner, collector, W. F. Miner, treasurer, W. F. Miner, weights and measures, Geo. W. Morse, assessor, A. J. Hall, assessor, J. Palmer, assessor,		\$ 50 15 2 40 20 15	00 00 00 00 00
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Paid W. F. Miner, collector, W. F. Miner, treasurer, W. F. Miner, weights and measures, Geo. W. Morse, assessor, A. J. Hall, assessor, J. Palmer, assessor, E. D. Harmon, assessor, 1897, William Howkins, selectman, C. W. Gregory, seletman, A. M. Dowd, selectman, E. D. Harmon, 1897, school committee, E. D. Harmon, school committee,		\$ 50 15 2 40 20 15 10 35 20 10 12 20	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 50 75
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D. C. Tryon, cattle inspector,	6	75
J. W. Gregory, constable,	5	00
G. W. Morse, election officer,	2	00
H. W. Langdon, election officer,	2	00
B. E. Tryon, election officer,	2	00
M. V. Thomson, election officer,	2	00
C. W. Gregory, election officer,	2	00
Henry Clapp, auditor,	2	00
	<b>#</b> 201	
Co. Al co. A. E. co. co.	\$304	25
Contingent Expenses.		
Paid H. W. Langdon, bill,	\$ 30	67
Meeting House Society,	25	00
F. H. Wright, reservoir case,	32	25
Eagle Publishing Co., reports,	I 2	00
C. W. Gregory, keeping school books,	5	00
C. W. Gregory, running town line,	4	00
Mrs. F. Cutting, water privilege,	3	00
C. W. Gregory, stamps and stationery,	2	60
W. F. Miner, stamps and stationery,	2	00
Mary Stedman, stamps and stationery,	I	0
George W. Morse, stationery,	1	08
E. Woodford, repair scraper,	I	00
William Hawley, irons, scraper,		80
J. A. Brewer, chain,	I	92
Berkshire Courier,		85
Total,	\$123	67
Schools.		
Paid orders school committee,	<b>\$</b> 1,486	55

#### RECAPITULATION.

Paid support of poor,	\$ 535 81
State aid,	456 00
Highways and bridges,	729 90
Snow bills,	315 98
Town officers,	304 25
Contingent,	123 67
Schools,	1,486 55
	\$3,952 16
ASSETS OF TOWN.	
Resources.	
Cash on hand,	\$ 104 81
Due from state treasurer, tuition,	195 00
Due from state treasurer, state aid,	456 00
Due from state treasurer, cattle inspector,	3 00
Due from William Forrest,	18 00
Due from W. F. Miner, collector,	358 03
School supplies,	150 00
Hearse,	250 00
Road Machine,	275 00
Safe,	130 00
Dirt scraper, plow, etc.,	19 50
	\$1,959 34
Balance against the town,	679 62
	\$2,638 96
Notes due Fund Society,	\$1,878 96
Note due Savings Bank,	200 00
Note due Mrs. M. E. Langdon,	560 00
WM. HOWKINS,	\$2,638 96

C. W. GREGORY, A. M. DOWD,

Selectmen of Monterey.

Examined and found correct,
HENRY CLAPP, Auditor.

March 15, 1899.





## ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

# SCHOOLCOMMITTEE

OF THE

## TOWN OF MONTEREY

FOR THE

Year Ending March 15

1899

SCHOOL BOARD

Committee

E. D. HARMON

C. W. GREGORY

MARY M. STEDMAN

Great Barrington, Mass.
THE BERKSHIRE COURIER PRINT, 1899.

### SCHOOL COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

Fellow Townsmen:

Your committee respectfully submit the following report, and ask you to thoughtfully consider its statements and suggestions, in order that you may the "better judge" and, so judging, act intelligently.

During the past year all the schools, except the one at Corashire, have been in session for thirty-two weeks. The one at Corashire was in session only six weeks, when conditions arose which the committee deemed sufficient to close the school. After this was done, arrangements were made for conveying the scholars to the Stone school house. The enrollment sheets show that 99 pupils have attended our schools at some time during the year. In their visits, the committee have endeavored "to inquire into the state of the schools," and ascertain what progress was being made; and we give herewith brief detail reports from the various schools.

In the village a new teacher, Miss Fannie Robinson, was employed. Here the work has been exceptionally excellent. The teacher gave her whole time and energy to her work, and the results showed what faithful, earnest work can accomplish. Reading got its due share of attention, and the outside work assigned with it made a study of the lesson necessary. geographical hunts were good, not only increasing the knowledge of this branch, but stimulating the habit of looking for things. The production maps were good and tended to fix in mind the exact locality where certain things were produced. The language study was good, and frequent compositions brought it to practical use, and tested the pupil's knowledge of the subjects gone over. History was well taught. The Friday afternoon exercises were pleasingly varied by classical myths and nature study. During the spring term, Rev. Mr. Dooley gave the school several talks upon the Spanish American war and its progress from week to week, for which thanks are due from the school and committee.

In the Old Center arithmetic and its practical use received careful attention, especially as to mensuration and business forms. Boys in the sixth grade are able to use the protractor and dividers, and lay off angles and other forms with neatness and accuracy. Seventh grade pupils can do good work in business transactions and simple book-keeping. In the lower grades care has been taken to secure rapidity and accuracy by constant drill. Language has been taught more by diction than by technical grammar. All work done in this branch has been under the eye of the teacher. Geography has received a due share of attention. History has not been taught, but should come in this spring.

At the Morse school no branch has showed such a marked improvement as reading. Indeed no school in town has shown such a decided improvement. By this we do not mean that other teachers have not taught reading well. The advance in Arithmetic has not been rapid, but it has been thorough. Geography has been well taught. Language has also been taught from text-books and chart. One pupil in this school studied Latin and showed a fair knowledge of simple constructions and translated very well.

In the Pond school there are some fairly good readers, others are not as good, but on the whole there has been some improvement in this branch. The first geography has been good, but needs more map study, the pupils reciting text well, but not always being certain where the places recited about were located on the map. Two pupils studied English history, after completing the United States history quite satisfactorily. Fair work has been done in advanced arithmetic. The lower classes have gone on slowly. Language is about on an average with other schools.

At the Stone school two different teachers have been in charge, but there was no great disturbance wrought by the change. Geography has shown improvement during the year, and arithmetic has been about on an average. There are some good readers here, and the poor ones at the beginning of the year have shown a decided improvement. History and physiology showed good recitations. During the winter term,

bookkeeping was taught. Language was about on an average. Work in all branches was thoroughly done.

#### New Books.

Two years ago your committee outlined a plan by which all readers above the fourth were to be discarded and their places taken by complete masterpieces in literature. That plan has been successfully carried out with good results. No new fifths have been purchased, and their places have been filled by good literature, a supplementary reading, at about *one-third* the cost. Some well preserved fifths are yet in stock, and are used as occasion seems best

As some new thirds and fourths were needed, your committee, after examing several series (all good), selected Cyr's thirds and fourths and "Stepping Stones to Literature," thirds and fourths, purchasing enough to supply two classes in each. These have been well received by the teachers, and their use in the schools has shown the wisdom of their choice. Blaisdell's Stories from English History was also added for the benefit of the history classes. A good geogroaphical reader ought to be used, but we have not ventured to add one. The first readers are about used up and some new ones are needed for the coming year. Otherwise there seems to be little or no need for text books. Of copy books there is a supply for the present, we having introduced Newlands and Row's system of vertical writing, No 7 to take the place of No. 6 in the old series, as it has valuable business forms, with which the students should become familiar.

#### Teaching U. S. History.

By reading and studying the compendiums of history used in schools, the pupil gets very little that is of much value. History is the essence of biographies of all the great actions in the world's drama. There is something deeper than the story, brief at best, which the students get from the text book. Right here comes in the use of the public library. The story of the Acadians, as told in the compendium, does not arouse the pupil's sympathy, but let him read Bancroft's touching account of their banishment, and Longfellow's Evangeline, and a new light is thrown upon the subject. Let him read Parkman's Wolf and Montcalm, and he will see the cause and effect that led to our possessions in the

Great West. Biographies of our great men will give a new zest to historical study and make it if some value to him, which can be further added to by later reading or the more systemetic course of our high schools. We add these suggestions to stimulate the habit of using the library both in historical and geographical study.

#### Memorial Day Exercises.

The schools held a union Memorial day exercise at the church. Pupils from the various schools rendered appropriate selections and several comrades of D.G. Anderson post made brief remarks. The day was stormy, and the full program could not be carried out, and the children missed the beautiful and impressive ceremony of decorating the graves of our fallen heroes. A union service seems better than one in each of the smaller schools, and should it ever be repeated, would probably prove more successful.

#### Examinations.

Five teachers have availed themselves of the privilege of taking these for the extra pay of teachers in small towns. Before giving these, your committee wrote to Mr. G. T. Fletcher, agent of the Massachusetts Board of Education, and acted upon his suggestions. We quote from his letter: "Records have some value, but what the State and Town want for the extra pay is extra work. Teachers need preparation, instruction, and pushing, especially the last. Let your committee push." We have stated these conditions and made an increase of wages of 50 cents per week, except in one case of the village school, where the whole \$2 additional was granted. The papers made out were fairly done, but show some lack of knowledge of current events and of good literature. All candidates are subscribers to teachers' papers, and have made an honest effort to earn their extra pay, which may be still further increased, if they continue to improve. One teacher has joined the teachers' class of pedagogy at the Searles high school.

#### Visiting Schools.

Teachers have been given some time to visit other schools. We think better results would come from this if out-of-town schools under a superintendent were visited. The teachers

also attended an institute at Great Barrington, which was of much value. The institutes as now conducted meet the wants of the ordinary common school teacher.

#### High School Pupils.

Several pupils have passed from our school to the Searles school at Great Barrington. For these the State generously provides. Your chairman has intended to visit the high school and note their work there, but has not been able to find the time when our school was not in session. It would be well to see the lower grades at Great Barrington and see that in preparing future pupils for the high school, that they do not fall behind their classmates in the matter of good preparation. Our method should be such that our pupils shall derive the greatest possible benefit when they are sent away to complete what this town can not furnish.

#### Repairs.

By reference to our financial statement it will be seen that but little has been expended for repairs. The schoolhouse in the village needs painting and some grading done upon the grounds. The Stone schoolhouse is not fit to repair, but if there is a school there, will call for a large expenditure before it is a fit place to hold school for another year.

#### Books of Reference.

The dictionaries were not added, as suggested, but they should be; also two or three sets of The Young Folk's Encyclopedia of Persons, Places and Common Things. They would be of great value in every branch of study. Every schoolroom, too, should have a copy of Every Day Business, as it would throw much light on business arithmetic, and is an inexpensive book.

#### Finally.

So far as we know, every bill has been paid. Our financial statement will show in detail how the money has been used. It has been our constant endeavor to work for the best interests of the town. We beg to thank the town for its generous support and confidence in the committee, in its willingness to appropriate the sum of money needed to carry out its suggestions.

If we are to lose the income of the "Town Fund," which has been granted to us, we shall need for the coming year and

appropriation of \$800 for schools, \$200 of which may be used for carrying scholars, \$50 for text books and \$75 for repairs.

All of which is respectfully submitted,
For the Committee,

#### E. D. HARMON.

Chairman.

\$76 00

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\$800 00

MONTEREY, Mass., March 15, 1899.

For schools,

E. D. Harmon,

#### FINANCIAL.

### Appropriations.

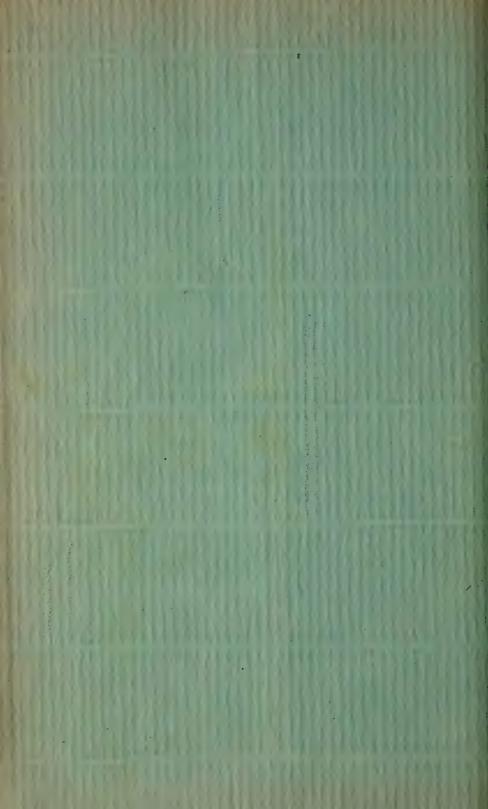
State fund,	479	62	
Dog tax,	29	05	
Extra pay for teachers from Sta	te, 188	00	
Tuition o fstate wards,	25	00	
Rent of hall,	17	00-\$1,538	67
Paid for Teac	ching.		
Fannie E. Robinson,	\$241	00	
E. D. Harmon,	258	00	
Clara E. Langdon,	160	00	
Lottie Dowd Fenn',	60	00	
Annie M. Benson,	163	00	
Lida Fenn,	30	00	
Sarah Downs,	90	00	
May Cutting Langdon, extra pay for	1897-98, 46	00	
Amelia A. Bidwell, extra pay for 186	97-98, 46	00-\$1,097	00
Books and Su	pplies.		
Hurlburt Paper Co.,	\$14	00	
Ginn & Co.,	17	38	
Silver, Burdet & Co.,	11	00	
J. L. Hammet Co.,	4	57	
Leach, Shewell & Co.,	4	17	
D. C. Heath & Co.,	17	38	
C. W. Gregory,	3	95	

Repairs.	
E. D. Harmon,	\$ 90
C. Barrows,	40
C. Waters,	I 00— \$2 30·
Fuel.	
E. W. McCarthy, for wood,	\$74 40
Carrying Scholar	rs.
S. W. Hyde (old bill),	\$ 12 50
J. L. Twing,	60 00
Mrs. Jennie F. Rogers,	60 00
Mrs. Smith Arial,	54 40
Mrs. Mary Kilborn,	12 50
A. M. Dowd,	1 00
Sarah Downs,	3 00- \$206 40
General Expense	es.
Building Fires,	\$ 17 50
Care of Village schoolroom,	4 50
Cleaning schoolhouses,	8 00
Care of Books,	5 00
Express, fees, etc.,	2 95— \$37 95
Total appropriations,	1,538 67
Total expenditures,	1,494 05
Unexpended balance,	\$44 62

E. D. HARMON, C. W. GREGORY, MARY M. STEDMAN,

School Committee.

MONTEREY, MASS., March 15, 1899.



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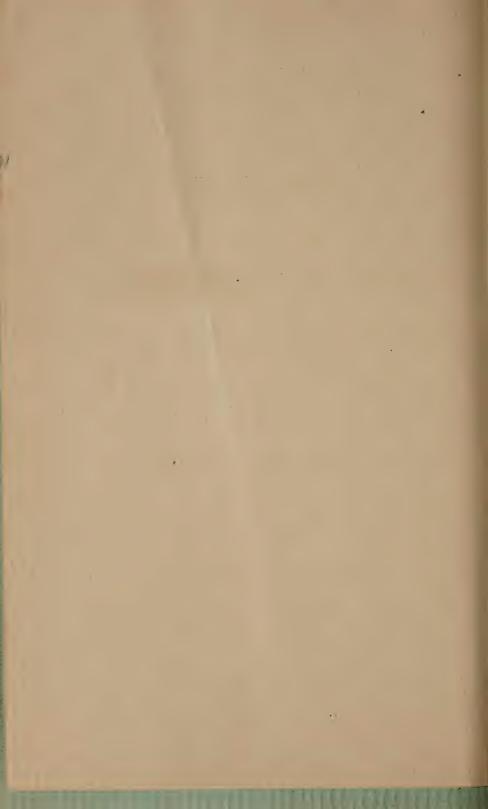
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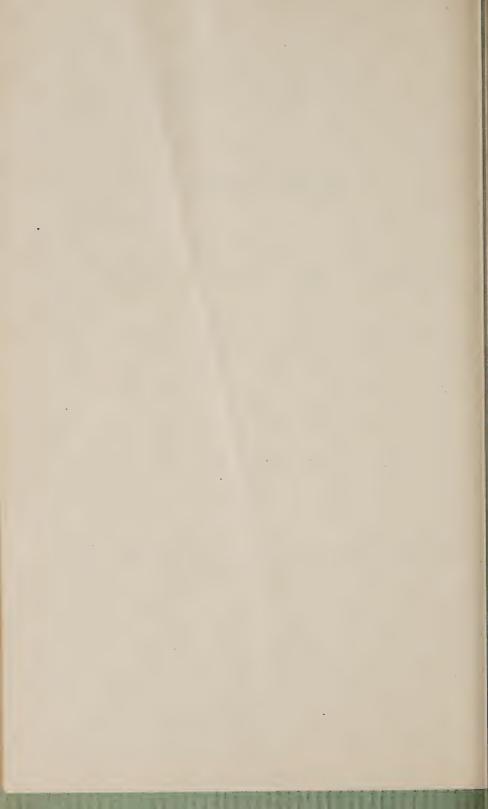
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### WARRANT.

# Articles in Warrant to be Acted Upon at Annual Town Meeting, March 26, 1900.

- Article 1. To choose a Moderator.
  - 2. To choose necessary Town Officers; also Tree Warden.
  - 3. To hear and act on reports.
  - 4. To hear and act on list of jurors,
  - 5. To raise money for Contingent Expenses, Town Officers, and Poor.
  - 6. To raise money for schools.
  - 7. To raise money for highways, bridges, etc.
  - 8. To decide manner of collecting taxes.
  - 9. To vote "Yes" or "No" on License question.
  - 10. To elect Fire Wards.
  - 11. To raise money for Public Library.
  - 12. To appropriate money for Sinking Fund.
  - 13. To appoint officer to sell and deed real estate.
  - 14. To authorize Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of Taxes.
  - 15. To see if the Town will employ a Superintendent of Schools.
  - 16. To see if the Town will vote to use official ballots.
  - 17. To see if the Town will vote to have a Town seal.
  - 18. To see if the Town will build a vault for its records.
  - 19. To raise money for cemeteries.
  - 20. To raise money to place markers at graves of Revolutionary soldiers.

### TREASURER'S REPORT.

### For Year Ending March 10, 1900.

1899.	WILBUR F. MINER, Treasurer.	Dr	
	To balance in treasury from 1898,	\$ 104	81
	Received from W. F. Miner, collector 1898,	358	03
	Received from state treasurer, reimburse-		
	ments for lunatic paupers,	211	70
June	5 Received from state treasurer fund for edu-		,
	cation of charity children.	28	00
June	28 Borrowed of Gt. Barrington Savings Bank,	600	00
July	8 Received from district court, for quarter		
	ending July 1,	I	40
July	15 Received from William S. Bidwell, butch-		
	ers' license,	I	00
July	21 Received reimbursement for cattle inspector,	. 3	38
Oct.	2 Received from L. J S. Rogers,	55	95
Dec.	11 Received from state treasurer, corporation		
	tax,	103	07
Dec.	11 Received from state treasurer, national		
	bank tax,	35	51
Dec.	11 Received from state treasurer, state aid,	456	00
Dec.	11 Received extra pay for teachers,	155	00
Dec.	11 Received tuition of children in small towns,	245	00
Dec.	23 Received of William Blake for keeping		
_	horse,	5	00
Dec.	23 Received of William Blake for rent of house,	. I	00
1900 Jan.	12 Received from county treasurer, dog tax,	28	33
Jan.	26 Received income of Mass. school fund,	455	
J.	Received of Henry P. Fargo, for rent of	100	
	schoolhouse hall,	-	00
	5 Received of F. G. Heath, for wood, 5 Received of Homer Dowd, for alimony,		00
March	10 Received of London Clark, for wood,		93
	To Received of Town of Monterey, for wood,		62
2.200	Received of Homer Dowd, for alimony,	16	70
	Received from W. F. Miner, collector for		
	1899,	3,714	14
	Total,	\$6,699	09

1899. WILBUR F. MINER, Treas	surer. Cr.	
March 27 Paid interest on Great Barringto	n Saving's	
Bank note,	\$ 22 6	55
April 28 Paid F. H. Wright for insuring s		_
June 29 Paid library trustee, order,	40 0	_
July 6 Paid interest on Mrs. M. E.		
note to June 27, 1899.	25 2	20
July 14 Paid Great Barrington, tuition		
term,	50 0	00
July 21 Paid M. V. Thompson, treasure		
Society, one year's interest on		3.4
Sept. 5 Paid Great Barrington Saving's		
Sept. 5 Paid interest on same,	5 6	
Oct. 30 Paid county tax,		
Nov. 23 Paid M. V. Thompson, treasure	459 C	25
society, interest on note to		
18, 1899,	13 5	
Dec. 11 Paid state tax,	135 0	
Dec. 18 Paid Great Barrington, tuition for	r fall term, 112 5	50
Jan. 2 Paid W. W. Norton, costs for Sp	ion Ionas	
		· -
case,	7 E	55
Jan. 20 Paid M. V. Thomson, treasure		
society, interest on five notes		
1, 1900,	58 4	10
Feb. 2 Paid balance of Great Barringto		
Bank note, town debt,	200 (	
Feb. 2 Paid interest on same,	8 4	19
Feb. 26 Paid Great Barrington, tuition	for winter	
term,	135 (	00
March Paid abatements for 1898, Tony	Juglairde, 2 8	34
March Paid abatements for 1898, A. A.		50
March Paid abatements for 1899, James		00
March Paid abatements for 1899, H. N.		
March Paid abatements for 1899, Geo. A March Paid discount on taxes to Septer		
March Paid town orders.	nber 1, 67 5 4,163 3	
March Cash in treasury to balance,	521 4	
10	tal, \$6,699 c	9

### SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

### Support of Poor.

Paid Northampton Lunatic Hospital, for Mrs. Johnson,	\$163 64
Northampton Lunatic Hospital, for Mrs. Rogers,	118 62
Nancy O. Heath, for Martha Pomeroy,	98 00
Support of Elien Olmstead,	124 50
Expense for Homer Dowd suit,	33 84
Dr. Joseph Jones, for Homer Dowd,	5 00
W. S. Bidwell, in Forrest case,	1 50
C. W. Gregory, care of poor,	7 00
G. L. Keyes, care of poor,	13 00
Total,	\$565 10
State Aid.	
Paid T. Curtin,	\$ 72 00
J. Kinne,	72 00
P. H. Sears,	72 00
Alonzo Brett,	48 00
W. E. Bump,	48 00
Sarah Gregory,	48 00
William Maxwell,	48 00
W. S. Tyrrell,	48 00
Fannie L. Nye,	16 00
Total,	\$472 00
Highways, Eridges and Brush-Cutting:	
Paid London Clarke, labor,	\$ 34 05
J. W. Gregory, labor,	119 65
C. W. Gregory, labor,	28 75
James McManus, labor,	11 50
Charles Werden, labor,	1 50
R. Wilson, labor,	1 50
E. Pierson, labor,	2 50
G. L. Keyes, labor,	13 05

A. M. Dowd, labor,		193	01
Ellsworth Kinne, labor,	,	8	10
George W. Shultis, labor,		213	00
E. Deland, labor,		9	38
John Martin, poles, etc.,		9	70
Jasper Bills, labor,		112	50
L. Battelle, labor,		5	99
James Kinne, labor,		. 3	50
Elmer Kinne, labor,		II	25
C. Scott, labor,			50
A. Twing, labor,		. 4	00
H. Rogers, labor,		I	50
T. Curtin, labor,			50
S. Araal, labor,	o	16	00
M. S. Bidwell, plank,		45	
E. McCarthy, bridge and abutment,		89	55
	Total,	\$937	22
g 1944			
Snow Bills.			
1899			
Paid Chas. Perry,		<b>\$</b> I	50
Wm. Forest,	- '	I	60
M. S. Bidwell,	,	II	39
Chas. Werden,			80
Ellsworth Kinne,		I	30
Elmer Kinne,		3	30
A. Maxwell,			00
London Clark,			00
Wm. A. Hall,		4	00
E. J. Goewey,		1	00
G. L. Keyes,		-	
Ferry Brouker,			25
			75
7	otal,	\$41	89
Town Officers.			
Paid Geo. W. Morse, assessor,		\$ 32	15
John Palmer, assessor,		# 3 <sup>2</sup>	
Bert E. Tryon, assessor,		15	
and the state of t		13	00

W. S. Bidwell, election officer, 1898,	2 00
W. S. Bidwell, election officer, 1899,	2 00
Bert E. Tryon, election officer, 1899,	2 00
A. J. Hall, election officer, 1899,	2 00
Geo. W. Morse, election officer, 1899,	2 00
A. M. Dowd, selectman,	10 00
Geo. L. Keyes, selectman,	20 00
C. W. Gregory, selectman,	30 00
C. W. Gregory, register of voters,	3 00
Harry Clapp, auditor,	2 00
H. W. Langdon, town clerk, etc.,	20 25
D. C. Tryon, cattle inspector,	29 75
John Gregory, constable,	5 00
Elihu D. Harmon, school committee,	28 45
Mary M. Stedman, school committee,	22 00
H. P. Fargo, school committee, etc.,	. 10 00
W. F. Miner, treasurer,	15 00
W. F. Miner, sealer weights and measures,	2 00
W. F. Miner, collector,	50 00
	No. of Concession, Name of Street, Name of Str
Total,	\$319 90
Total,  Contingent Expenses.	\$319 90
Contingent Expenses.	
Contingent Expenses.  Paid M. S. Bidwell, care of hearse,	\$ 13 00
Contingent Expenses.  Paid M. S. Bidwell, care of hearse, J. E. Clarey, printing,	\$ 13 00 23 25
Contingent Expenses.  Paid M. S. Bidwell, care of hearse, J. E. Clarey, printing, Chas. Giddings, attorney fee,	\$ 13 00 23 25 10 00
Contingent Expenses.  Paid M. S. Bidwell, care of hearse, J. E. Clarey, printing, Chas. Giddings, attorney fee, George E. Allen, scraper blades,	\$ 13 00 23 25 10 00 16 50
Contingent Expenses.  Paid M. S. Bidwell, care of hearse, J. E. Clarey, printing, Chas. Giddings, attorney fee, George E. Allen, scraper blades, Expense at visit state aid inspector,	\$ 13 00 23 25 10 00 16 50 3 50
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Total,	\$	5298	85
Schools.	_		
Paid orders of school committee,	\$1	,528	37
RECAPITULATION.		_	
Paid for support of poor,	\$	565	10
for State aid,		472	00
for Highways and bridges and brush cutting,		937	22
Snow bills,	`	41	89
Town officers,		319	90
Contingent expenses,		298	85
for Schools,	Ι,	528	37

Total,

\$4,163 33

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W. S. Bidwell, election officer, 1898,

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Bert E. Tryon, election officer, 1899,

A. J. Hall, election officer, 1899,

Geo. W. Morse, election officer, 1899,	2 00
A. M. Dowd, selectman,	10 00
Geo. L. Keyes, selectman,	20 00
C. W. Gregory, selectman,	30 00
C. W. Gregory, register of voters,	3 00
Harry Clapp, auditor,	2 00
H. W. Langdon, town clerk, etc.,	20 25
D. C. Tryon, cattle inspector,	29 75
John Gregory, constable,	5 00
Elihu D. Harmon, school committee,	28 45
Mary M. Stedman, school committee,	22 00
H. P. Fargo, school committee, etc.,	. 10 00
W. F. Miner, treasurer,	15 00
W. F. Miner, sealer weights and measures,	2 00
W. F. Miner, collector,	50 00
Total,	\$319 90
Constitution at 15	
Contingent Expenses.	
Paid M. S. Bidwell, care of hearse,	\$ 13 00
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Paid M. S. Bidwell, care of hearse,	
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Snow bills,	41 89
Town officers,	319 90
Contingent expenses,	298 85
for Schools,	1,528 37

Total,

\$4,163 33

### ASSETS OF TOWN.

#### Resources.

Cash in treasury,		\$ 521 44
Due from collector,		296 15
Due for state aid		472 00
Due for school tuition,		297 50
Due for cattle inspection,		14 87
Due from William Forrest,		18 00
Due from Sherwood, J. S. Rog	gers,	13 35
School supplies,	,	- 150 00
Hearse,		250 00
Hay scales,		25 00
Road machine, scraper, plow,	etc.,	290 00
Safe,		130 00
Life lease on Homer Dowd farm	$\mathbf{n}_{+}$	250 00
	Total,	\$2,728 31
Liabi	lities.	•
Note of Fund Society,		\$1,878 96
Note of Mrs. M. E. Langdon,		560 00
	Total,	\$2,438 96
	Total,	#2,430 90
Assets,		\$2,728 31
Liabilities,		2,438 96
Balance in favor of town,		\$ 289 35

C. W. GREGORY, G. L. KEYES,

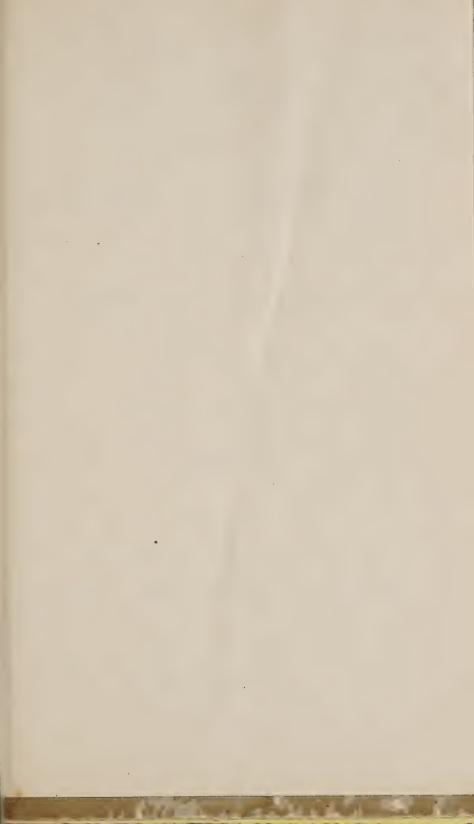
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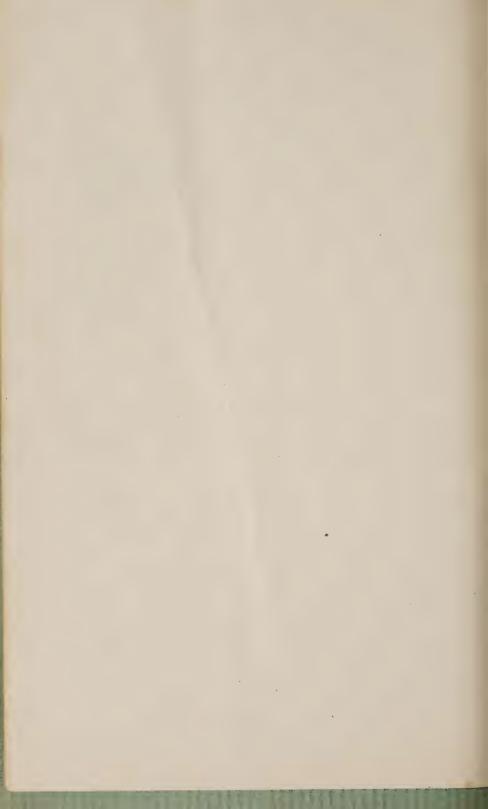
Selectmen of Monterey.

Examined and found correct,

HENRY CLAPP, Auditor. '

March 10, 1900.





# ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

# SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

# TOWN OF MONTEREY

FOR THE

Year Ending March 15

1900

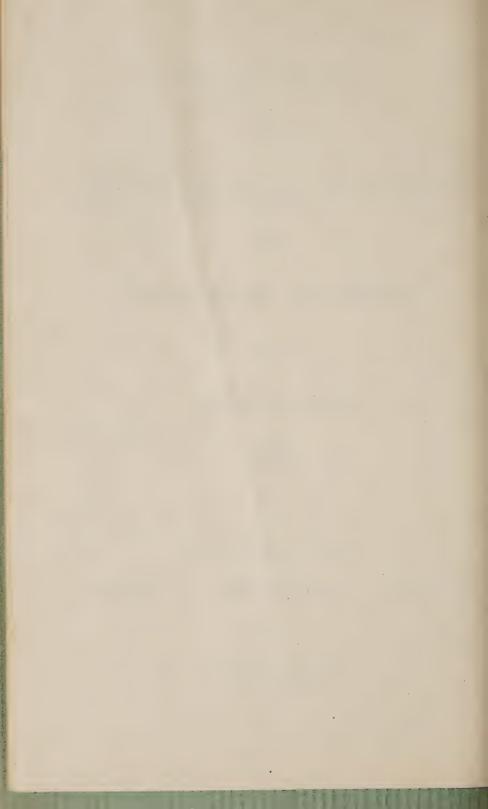
SCHOOL COMMITTEE

E. D. HARMON

MARY M. STEDMAN

H. P. FARGO

The Berkshire Courier Print: Great Barrington, Mass., 1900.



### SCHOOL COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

Fellow Townsmen:

Your committee respectfully submits the following report for the school year just passed, and asks your thoughtful consideration of its statements and suggestions.

#### ATTENDANCE.

The census of children of school age, taken during the month of September, 1899, gives the following results:

Number of boys between the ages of five and fifteen,

Number of girls between the ages of five and fifteen,

Number of boys between the ages of seven and fourteen,

Number of girls between the ages of seven and fourteen,

Thus showing a total of 96 children of school age.

The enrollment sheets show that 89 different pupils attended the public schools during some part of the school year. Your committee has repeatedly called your attention to the fact that there should be a better attendance, giving as reasons the better progress pupils make when the attendance is regular, and of the hindrances caused by a nonattendance. This has seemed to have little or no effect on patrons. We now present the reasons in a new light, in the matter of dollars and cents, and shall watch its effect with interest. Following is the average attendance of each school, and over against it the amount wasted by a nonattendance, based on the amount of the teacher's wages, exclusive of the extra pay given by the state:

Old Center, .89, \$17.60 Village, .91, \$20.16 Corashire, .89, 19.36 Morse, .92, 12.80 Pond, .74, \$41.60.

The total thus lost is \$111.52, from which make an allowance of ten per cent. for sickness and bad weather, and you have deliberately thrown away \$100 of your appropriation. Time is as valuable as money, and should be as carefully conserved if you would aid in the progress of your schools. No complete record of dismissals has been kept, but they are a fruitful source of loss, and should be as few as possible.

#### TEXT BOOKS.

The legitimate wear and tear of first and second readers obliged us, at the beginning of the fall term, to order a new supply of these. By ordering parts of two series, Cyr's and Stepping Stones to Literature, we have been able to supply the necessary books with small expense, and still supply the same class with a new book when one was needed. "Colonial Massachusetts" was also added in limited numbers, as a supplementary book in United States history. The coming year there will be a need of new primary geographies, but this can be largely offset by very favorable terms of exchange offered by the publishers of the book now in use.

Rev. Mr. Dooly kindly loaned the village school a set of encyclopedias. Since then three sets of Champlin's Young Folks' Encyclopedia have been placed in the schools, and the habit aroused of consulting them. As time goes on their value will be enhanced.

#### INSTITUTE AND VISITING.

The teachers attended one teachers' institute, and gained much information of value to them in their work. These gatherings are of more practical value than formerly, as they come more directly to the needs of the rural schools as seen by the agents of the Board in their visits to them.

The teachers have been allowed a little time to visit other schools, to gain ideas and study methods. Great Barrington was visited twice by two teachers, who considered our work in the like grades as comparing favorably with that of our "sister" town. Two other teachers visited the consolidated schools of Tyringham, where they saw two good schools, made up from three or four poor ones. Right here we would add that sooner or later consolidation is bound to come to the small rural schools, and the sooner the better for the schools.

#### SCHOOL ROOM DECORATION.

The teachers have taken an interest in this matter and have placed some very good pictures in their rooms. Much may be learned by the careful study of a picture, both as to art and utility.

#### HIGH SCHOOL PUPILS.

During the winter, nine pupils from this town have attended the Searles school at Great Barrington. By the courtesy of Superintendent Gilman C. Fisher, we add what he says a pupil should know on entering the High school. It will serve as a standard for those pupils who wish to enter later, and also as a point up to which any pupil ought to be trained, even if he goes no farther than the common schools.

WHAT A PUPIL SHOULD KNOW, AND WHAT HE SHOULD BE ABLE TO DO UPON ENTERING THE HIGH SCHOOL.

ist. He should know the fundamental processes of arithmetic well, and be able to add, subtract, multiply and divide both fractions and integers with rapidity and accuracy. He should be well drilled in percentage, interest, square root and its applications, the elements of mensuration and compound numbers. He should know how to make out bills, write receipts and promisory notes, and in bookkeeping he should be able to open and close an individual account in correct form.

2nd. In elementary algebra as a part of arithmetic, and in inventional geometry as a part of drawing and arithmetic he should have acquired also a certain additional element of strength available for use in every day life.

3rd. He should be able to read well and get the thought of what he reads. Such a publication as the Youth's Companion should have a charm for him and in its phasing and subject matter, neither the daily newspaper nor the average book should present difficulties to detract especially from his interest or enjoyment of the same.

4th. He should be able to spell practically all the words he uses, and to wrife with facility, a good plain, round legible hand.

5th. He should be able to express himself well and write a good letter, evincing a knowledge of the rules of punctuation and capitalization, and should have acquired familiarity with the ordinary forms of business and social correspondence.

6th. In technical grammar, he should find it comparatively easy to analyze all sentences whose construction is not especially involved.

7th. He should carry clean mental pictures of the principal physical features of the earth, and be as well informed upon political geography in general as the ordinary untraveled adult.

8th. While he should have some knowledge of general history, acquired chiefly through reading, he should be well informed upon United States history, especially the active side of it—the voyages of discovery, the explorations, the early settlement of the country, its conquests and wars—in short, all those events in which the patriotism and the heroism of the individual stand forth conspicuously.

9th. Through music, drawing, nature study and literature the foundations of a broad general culture should be laid and through the study of elementary civics, carried on in connection with geography and history, a fair idea of our institutions and how we are governed should be gained.

#### SKILLED SUPERVISION.

As this matter is to be brought up for your consideration at this meeting, we need not use space here to discuss it, except to say that it would be of a decided benefit to our schools to have a competent director in their work. The suggestions of Superintendent Fisher, above quoted, will give you some idea of what a superintendent is for, and what some of his duties are. Cato said "Carthage ought to be destroyed." We say "A superintendent ought to be chosen."

Progress has been made in all the schools, in some in a marked degree. We would suggest "Parents' Days," when patrons should see for themselves the school at its work. Wholesome criticism will do a school good; but fault-finding is not critscism, and is sure to be detrimental to all concerned. Discipline is necessary for the well being of the school, and the teacher's efforts to maintain it should meet with the hearty and if need be the physical approval of parents.

#### REPAIRS.

Only absolutely necessary repairs were made during the year. The Village schoolhouse needs shingling and ought to be painted. There should be a woodshed at the Morse school, and perhaps a closet at Old Center.

For the coming year your committee deems an appropriation of \$850, with what is now unexpended sufficient to meet the necessities of the public schools. Thanking you for past courtesies and confidence, we remain, yours in the cause of education.

For the Committee,

E. D. HARMON.

28 35—\$ 66 35

#### FINANCIAL.

#### Appropriations.

Unexpended balance of '98,	\$ 44 62
For schools,	925 00
State fund,	455 52
Dog tax,	28 33
State reimbursement for teachers,	155 00
Tuition of state wards,	28 00
Rent of hall,	19 00—\$1,655 47
Teachers' Wages.	* Online contraction of the cont
Paid Fannie E. Robinson,	\$ 287 00
E. D. Harmon,	240 00
Sarah Downs,	170 00
Clara Langdon,	56 00
S. Louise Bidwell,	106 00
Annie I. Twing,	160 00
Annie Benson, state reimbursement,	11 00-\$1,030 00
Transportation.	,
Paid Mrs. H. J. Rogers,	\$ 64 00
Jas. L. Twing,	63 60
Mrs. Mary Worden,	62 60
George Goewey,	75 50
Mrs. Smith Arial,	9 25—\$ 274 95
Books and Supplies.	
Paid Geo. S. Perry & Co.,	<b>\$</b> 7 55
D. C. Heath & Co.,	. 7 50
Ginn & Co.,	10 40
Silver Burdett & Co.,	12 55
	55

Edward E. Babb & Co.,

## Repairs.

Paid B. E. Tryon,	\$ 2	50		
Jas. McManus,	2	50		
E. D. Whitney,	ı	50-\$	6	50
Fuel.				
Paid Town of Monterey, for wood,	\$ 80	62		
Chas. Worden,	2	50		
Randal Dowd, for sawing wood,	5	00		
Homer Dowd, for sawing wood,	5	00		
Ernest Rogers and Willie Kelsey,	4	75		
Wm. Hart, for moving wood,	3	00-\$	100	87
Miscellaneous.				
Paid B. E. Tryon, cleaning schoolhouses,	\$ 12	00		
E. D. Harmon, window shades,	2	75		
Clara Gregory, care of schoolroom,	. 4	50		
Foote-Nodine Co., printing,	I	00		
M. M. Stedman, school census, freight				
and supplies,	7	45		
Building fires,	. 15	50		
Tuition to New Marlboro,	2	00		
John Martin, flag pole,	2	00-\$	47	20
Summary of Money Expe	nded.			
Paid for teachers' wages	\$1 020	00		

Paid for teachers' wages,	\$1,030	00	
Transportation of pupils,	274	95	
Books and supplies,	66	35	
Repairs,	6	.50	
Fuel,	100	87	
Miscellaneous,	47	20-1,525 87	
Total appropriations,		1,655 47	
Unexpended balance,		\$129`60	

E D. HARMON.
MARY M. STELMAN,
H. P. FARGO.





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# ANNUAL REPORT

of the Selectmen of the Town of MONTEREY for the year ending MARCH 25th, 1901

# ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

# SELECTMEN.

OF THE

# TOWN OF MONTEREY

And Their Settlement with the Treasurer for the Year Ending March 25,

1901.

ALSO THE REPORT

OF THE

# SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Great Barrington, Mass
The Berkshire Courier Print,
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## EXTRACT OF ARTICLES IN WARRANT.

(To be voted upon in Town Meeting March 25, 1901.)

Article 1. To choose a moderator.

Article 2. To hear and act on reports of officers.

Article 3. To see if Town will vote to elect all necessary officers on a single ballot.

Article 4. To choose all necessary town officers.

Article 5. To hear and act on list of jurors.

Article 6. To raise money for contingent expenses, town officers and poor.

Article 7. To raise money for schools, also superintendent's salary.

Article 8. To raise money for highways, bridges, etc.

Article 9. To decide manner of collecting taxes.

Article 10. To vote "Yes" or "No" on license question.

Article 11. To elect fire wards.

Article 12. To appropriate money for Town Library.

Article 13. To appropriate money for Sinking Fund.

Article 14. To appoint officer to sell and deed Real Estate.

Article 15. To authorize Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of Taxes.

Article 16. To see if Town will elect a highway surveyor for the ensuing year.

Article 17. To see if Town will vote to accept the provisions of Sections 74, 75, 76 and 77 of Chapter 27, Pub. Stat.

Article 18. To choose by ballot three Road Commissioners.

Article 19. To see if Town will vote to raise a sum of money to compensate said Road Commissioners.

Article 20. To see if Town will vote to raise the sum of ten dollars (\$10) for the expense of the school children in the observance of Memorial Day.

# TREASURER'S REPORT.

## For Year Ending March 9, 1901.

1900		WILBUR F. MINER, Treasurer.	Dr	•
March	27	To balance in treasury from 1899,	\$ 521	44
		Received from S. J. S. Rogers,	13	35
April	18	Received from W. F. Miner, Collector, 1899,	296	15
		Received reimbursement for support of in-		
		sane paupers,	127	08
May	30	Received from Wm. Bidwell, auctioneer's		
		license,	2	00
June	ΙI	Received from State Treasurer fund for edu-		
		cation of charity children,	25	20
June	22	Borrowed of Gt. Barrington Savings Bank,	600	00
Nov.	3	Received reimbursement for inspection of		
		animals,	. 12	50
Nov.	15	Received from Frank Harmon, butcher's		
		license,	I.	00
Nov.	27	Received from Charles Kimberly, butcher's		
		license,	Í	00
Dec.	10	Received corporation tax,	95	OI
Dec.	10	Received National Bank tax,	49	29
Dec.	10	Received State Aid,	<b>4</b> 68	00
Dec.		Received extra pay for teachers,	188	50
Dec.	10	Received tuition for children in small towns,	317	50
1901				
Jan.		Received from County Treasurer, dog tax,	34	30
Jan.		Received Massachusetts school fund,	482	87
March		Received from B. E. Tryon for town hay,	9	10
March	9	Received from H. P. Fargo for rent of School		
		hall,	19	00
March	9	Received from Nancy O. Heath for town		
		hay,	. 8	00
March	9	Received from W. F. Miner, Col. for 1900,	3,434	35
		Total,	\$6.705	64

1900	WILBUR F. MINER, Treasurer.		r.
May	14 By paying E. B. Culver, funeral expenses of		
	J. W. Blake,	**	00
May	14 Paid F. Brochu for digging grave of J. W. Blake,		00
June	26 Paid Library Trustee order,	0	00
June	27 Paid interest on Mrs. Mary E. Langdon's note,		20
June	30 Paid M. V. Thomson, Treasurer, one year's		
	interest on two Fund Society notes,		84
July	5 Paid Great Barrington, tuition of scholars,		
	Spring term,		00
Aug.	25 Paid William Bidwell, costs in James Martin		
	case,		30
Oct.	Paid M. V. Thomson, Treasurer, interest		
Oct	on one Fund Society note,		50
Oct.	2 Paid Great Barrington Savings Bank, note and interest,		2.4
Oct.	25 Paid county tax,	608 441	
Nov.	5 Paid William S. Bidwell, fees in E. P. Smith		39
	case,		13
Nov.	20 Paid abatement of Fred W. Church,		75
Dec.	10 Paid State tax,	135	00
Dec.	14 Paid on Mrs. M. E. Langdon's note,	250	.00
Dec.	26 Paid Great Barrington, tuition of scholars,		
	fall term,	162	00
1901.	D.: 1 3/ 57 /T/1 /T/1		
Feb.	2 Paid M. V. Thomson, Treasurer, interest		
Feb.	on five Fund Society notes, 28 Paid Great Barrington, tuition of scholars,		40
100.	winter term,	153	00
Feb.	28 Discount allowed on taxes at 3 per cent. to	-00	
	October 1,	67	7.4
Feb.	28 Paid Town orders,	3,955	
Feb.	28 Cash in treasury to balance,	640	85
	Total,	\$6,705	64

## SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

# Support of Poor.

Paid	D. C. Tryon, keepin	ig tramps,	* \$ 2	00
	Susan A. Wright, f	or E. Olmstead,	82	66
	C. E. Hathway, for	E. Olmstead,	39	33
	Nancy O. Heath, fo	or Martha Pomeroy,	100	00
	Northampton Insan	e Hospital, for Mrs. Johnson,	169	46
	Dr. Stockwell, for J	oseph Blake,	4	00
		on, for J. Howard Blake,	52	20
	Town of Brookfield,	for Fabius W. Beckwith,	45	00
	Alva W. Ward, for	Wm. Forrest,	3	00
	Louis Doncaster, fo	r Wm. Forrest,		7 I
	Dr. P. D. Brown, fo	or Wm. Forrest,		50
	Lura A. Doncaster,	for Wm. Forrest,	. 22	25
	H. W. Langdon, fo		. 20	
		Total	\$549	1.7
		State Aid.		
Paid	A. W. Brett,		\$ 48	00
	W. E. Bump,		56	
	Timothy Curtin,	*	65	
	Sarah J. Gregory,			
	James M. Kinne,		72	
	Fannie L. Nye,		48	00
	Porter H. Sears,			00
	W. S. Tyrrell,		12	00
	Wm. Maxwell,	Section 1985	48	00
		Total,	\$469	00

## Highways, Bridges and Brush-Cutting.

Paid Chas. Scott, labor,	\$ 11	50
O. T. Stedman, labor,	3	60
H. C. Stedman, labor,	1	25
Elmer Kinne, labor,	4	75
James Martin, labor,		75
John W. Gregory, labor,	81	
Frank Seeley, labor,	I	
C. W. Gregory, labor,	62	50
Smith Araail, labor.	7	
Ellsworth Kinne, labor,	21	
Ellsworth Kinne, plank,	46	75
London Clark, labor,	I	
James Mc Manus, labor,	ΙI	
Daniel O'Leary, labor,	29	25
Stillman Wright, labor,		50
Clarence Z. Johnson, labor,		25
Jasper H. Bills, labor,		80
Eugene McCarthy, labor,	119	62
James Griswold, labor,	12	00
Francis G. Heath, labor,	166	00
Wm. Maxwell, labor,		75
Geo. L. Keyes, labor,	43	60
Wesley Ward, labor,		00
Issac Benedict, labor,		45
M. S. Bidwell, plank,		62
Andrew Hall, labor,	5	00
Lafayette Battelle, labor,	5	71
Randall Dowd, labor,		12
Wallace W. Hall, labor,	I	00
William Hart, labor,	3	00
Silas W. Hyde, bridge and labor,	23	57
Clarence Wellman, labor,	1	
James M. Kinne, labor,	I	
George A. Stevens, plank,	4	40
Total,	\$770	53

### Snow Bills.

Paid James McManus,	\$ 7	00
E. P. Smith,		00
Dennis O'Brien,		oo 55
Fred W. Church,		
J. W. Gregory,		50
B. E. Tryon,		50
Elmer Kinne,		50
Jasper H. Bills,		00
London Clark,		00
Charles W. Gregory,		50
Charles Scott,		25
		25
Emmett Goewey,		00
Forest May,	0	00
Total,	\$58	05
Scales.		
Paid James M. Kinne, labor,	\$ 6	00
Elmer J. Kinne, labor,		25
George A. Stevens, plank,	20	00
Total,	\$30	25
Contingent Expenses.		
Paid London Clark, drawing wood,	\$ 2	50
Berkshire Courier, printing reports,		50
D. C. Tryon, driving hearse,		50
D. C. Tryon, team to mountain fire,		50
W. F. Miner, taxes on town farm, 1899,		95
W. F. Miner, taxes on town farm, 1900,		46
Frank H. Wright, retainer, 1899 and 1900,		00
Expense on State road,	9	00
For town seal,	4	15
Ed. Whitney, repairs on scraper,		00
For rent of basement,	25	00
C. W. Gregory, store bill,		00
G. L. Keyes, for stamps, stationery and keeping		
books,	12	50

Typougo on Montin or		
Expense on Martin case,		50
W. F. Miner, stamps and stationery,		00
C. W. Gregory, running town-line,	•	00
George L. Keyes, running town-line,	9	00
Total,	222	12
Town Officers.		
Paid George W. Morse, assessor,	\$ 29	75
John Palmer, assessor,	15	00
B. E. Tryon, assessor,	15	00
B. E. Tryon, election officer,	2	00
George W. Morse, election officer,	2	00
W. S. Bidwell, election officer,	2	00
A. J. Hall, election officer,	72	00
John W. Gregory, constable,	IO	00
C. W. Gregory, selectman,	30	00
G. L. Keyes, selectman,	20	00
A. M. Dowd, selectman,	10	00
Harry Clapp, auditor,	2	00
C. W. Gregory, overseer of poor,	8	00
G. L. Keyes, overseer of poor,	8	50
H. W. Langdon, town clerk,	14	50
H. W. Langdon, register of voters,	3	00
C. W. Gregory, register of voters,	4	00
Geo. L. Keyes, register of voters, 1899 and 1900,	6	00
Elihu D. Harmon, school committee,	32	00
Mary M. Stedman, school committee,	20	00
Henry P. Fargo, school committee,	10	00
C. W. Gregory, fire warden,	I	00
G. L. Keyes, fire Warden,	2	00
C. W. Gregory, board of health,	2	00
D. C. Tryon, inspector of beef and cattle,	28	70
George L. Keyes, board of health,	2	50
W. F. Miner, treasurer,	15	00
W. F. Miner, sealer of weights and measures,	2	00
W. F. Miner, collector of taxes,	50	00
Total,	\$348	95
Paid orders of school committee,	\$1,482	39

## Cemeteries.

Paid James Mc Manus, labor,	\$10 00
Wm. A. Hall, lumber,	.8 00
H. C. Stedman, labor,	6 50
Total,	\$24 50
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RECAPITULATION.	
Paid for support of poor,	\$ 549 4I
for State Aid,	469 00
for Highways,	770 53
for Shoveling Snow,	58 05
Town officers,	348 95
Contingent expenses,	222 12
for Schools,	1,482 39
for repair of Scales,	30 25
for work on Cemeteries,	24 50

Total,

\$3,955 20

### ASSETS OF TOWN.

#### Resources.

Cash in treasury,	\$ 640 85			
Due from collector,	220 75			
Due from State for J. W. Blake's funeral expenses,	31 00			
Due from State for school tuition,	315 00			
Due for State aid,	469 00			
Due from Pittsfield for Susan Le Barnes,	20 00			
Due from State on cattle inspection,	12 50			
School supplies,	150 00			
Hearse,	250 00			
Hay scales,	40 00			
Road machine, scraper, plow, etc.,	290 00			
Safe,	130 00			
Title to Dowd farm,	250 00			
Due from Nancy O. Heath, on town hay,	12 00			
Total,	\$2,831 10			
Liabilities.				
Notes of Fund society,	\$1,878 96			
Note of Mary E. Langdon,	310 00			
Total,	\$2,188 96			
Assets,	\$2,831 10			
Liabilities,	2,188 96			
Balance in favor of Town,	\$ 642 14			

C. W. GREGORY, GEO. L. KEYES,

Selectmen of Monterey.

Examined and found correct,

HENRY CLAPP, Auditor.

March 11, 1901.

## REPORT OF MONTEREY FREE LIBRARY.

In accordance with the vote of the town at its annual meeting held March 26, 1900, we submit the following report of the condition of the Library.

A not over-thorough examination of the last catalogue and the two subsequent supplementary slips shows the following approximate divisions of books and the number in each:

Fiction,	324	History,	74
Biography.	29	Agricultural, etc.,	9
Juvenile.	104	Science,	22
Travels,	29	Poetry,	10
Miscellaneous,	25		
		Total,	626

This does not include the unbound volumes of magizines, public documents or the large number of paper bound books, not catologued, and which patrons are allowed to take and return at their pleasure. There are probably fully 1,000 volumes in the collection.

It has been the policy of the Trustees to do the best they could with the appropriations; to add some standard publications each year, as well as some of the latest popular books and a generous juvenile list. Provision was made for exchanging books at Corashire, of which only one family availed themselves. This ought not to be. The long winter evenings would pass far more swiftly, pleasantly and profitably if the library was more frequently patronized. It is pleasing to note that the young are drawing and reading books, often other works than juvenile fiction. In this way, the library serves as an educator, which is one of the intentions of all free libraries. The habit of consulting books is one of the best a child can form. To this end the teacher or librarian should have such a knowledge of books as to be able to direct the young searcher till he is able to

make most or all his investigations independently. When he has done this, or can do it, he is on the road towards learning to think for himself, which is one of the ends of school training.

The librarian has furnished a few figures, which will show the extent to which the library is used. The July and August figures show how much our institution is appreciated by our "city cousins." Many who have been here have spoken in the highest praise of our well selected, well kept country library. These things help as well as her pure air and beautiful scenery to make the town attractive and deserve your fostering care as much as they. The Woman's Educational Association has loaned us two "Traveling Libraries," which have been very helpful, and acceptable to us, and they are deserving, and have our hearty thanks for their interest in our village.

Number of patrons, 182; number of works drawn in July and August, 355; number drawn in December, January and February, 512; drawn during the year, 1,654. Books have been given to the library by Rev. John Dooly, Dr. P. D. Brown, E. D. Harmon and Henry M. Thomson.

Thanking you for your most generous appropriation in the past, we remain faithfully yours for the best interests of the town and its free library.

E. D. HARMON,

Chairman Free Library Trustees.

Monterey, March 9, 1901.

# ANNUAL REPORT

# SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

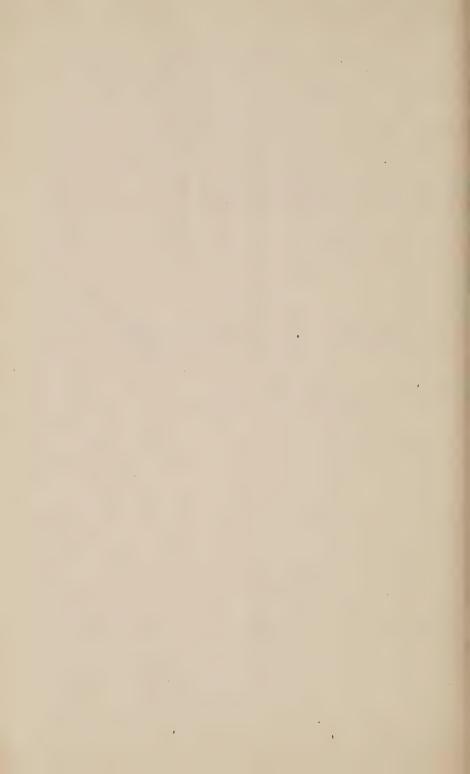
# TOWN OF MONTEREY

For the Year Ending March 15,

1901

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

E. D. HARMON MARY M. STEDMAN H, P. FARGO



# REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF MONTEREY.

The census of 1900 gives the total population of the Town as As long ago as '58 when we were catechised as to our knowledge of local geography, and these figures, together with a few facts about the State, Capital and County, made up the sum total of it, the population of the town was about 850. Then there were nine schools, all well attended; now there are but four. So gradually has this change come, the people do not seem torealize it. The town is now about 50 years old and has suffered a loss of nearly or quite 300 of its population since 1855. These figures show the necessity as well as economy of consolidation. The school census of 1899 showed a school population of 96between the ages of five and fifteen. The 1900 census gives 33 girls and 56 boys. During the year 85 different pupils have attended our schools, four less than last year. So that 18 per cent. of our whole population have availed themselves of school privileges.

In most of the schools the attendance has been better; and the Pond school has proved a record-breaker for its good attendance, only a few marks appearing on the register. During the spring and fall the pupils from this school have been transported to Corashire. Should conditions remain the same during the coming year your committee recommend the same plan. In the winter sickness and inclement weather lowered the average very much. There perhaps might have been longer terms, but these conditions made it seem advisible to close at the end of the required 32 weeks.

The condition of the schools is good. Fair and steady progress has been made in all of them. The discipline has been good, without resorting to harsh measures.

The matter of expert supervision need not be discussed here;

except to say that in the minds of the committee it would be for the best interest of the schools to make the desired appropriation which would enable the committee to unite with other towns in forming a union district.

At the close of the spring term an examination was given to those who might enter the high school, and to as many others as might choose to take it. Some of the papers were very credit abie, considering the ages of the pupils. Others were not as good, especially in Language. This study seems to be a stumbling block to most pupils, and yet it should not be. But until better modes of conversation are used outside the school-room, and some care and common sense on the part of pupils, especially the older ones, Language will continue to roll on in the old rut. Properly taught, Language has as much discipline as mathematics, and of a far more cultivating nature. Arithmetic should be thoroughly learned, so far as its principles are concerned, and then one will not be obliged to fight an enemy in the rear when he goes into business for himself.

Memorial Day was observed by exercises at the church, in which all the schools participated. Some veterans were present and spoke to the children on the significance of the occasion. This seems a more satisfactory way of observing the day than exercises in small schools.

Mr. H. P. Fargo kindly tendered the use of his grounds, and the children enjoyed their close of the spring term by a day's outing and picnic.

During the winter term scholars and teachers were given Thursday afternoons that they might attend the singing school. Inasmuch as it was for the benefit of the children, it did not seem advisable to have the time made up, as schools were in session an hour or so longer.

During the year there were two institutes, one at Great Barrington, the other at Montville. Some good was gained by our teachers at these meetings.

The teachers have spent both time and money in the adornment of their school rooms. As an educator this should not be lost sight of. The children have taken much interest in the matter and have paid for some of the decorations.

A chart of United States History has been purchased and placed in the village school: though it can be taken to others as occasion requires.

As supplementary reading we have added Long's Wilderness Ways, a book both instructive and entertaining and of high literary quality. Carpenter's South America has also been introduced. This book is very entertaining and is crowded with interesting facts and well illustrated. New dictionaries have been purchased, both High School and Academic, so that the children have good tools to work with. Graves Speller has also been introduced, the worn books making this change necessary.

#### Pupils at the Searles School.

During the year nine pupils from this town have attended the Searles school at Great Barrington. We tabulate the following figures from Headmaster Pinkham's report to show their standing in the various branches. Of course performance is better than figures, but as few of you visit the school it may be a satisfaction to know something of the average work done by our pupils when they leave the home schools.

Studies.	Pupils.		Hig	hest M	ark.	Average
Bookkeeping,	4 ·			86		83
Chemistry,	4			_86		78
Civies,	,I			80		80
Geometry,	2			72		72
Physics,	,I			72		72
Algebra,	4			83		72
French,	7			90		80
English,	9 .			93		82
Biology,	3			88	7.5	84
Latin,	3			72		71
General History,	3			80		72
Psychology,	2			86		82
Shakespeare,	3			98		95
Typewriting,	3	Aı	B.2			
Stenography,	I			76		76

Elsewhere we have spoken of the town's loss of population in the past 50 years. Have the schools lost in their efficiency in

the same proportion? We think not. As we go back to what was taught then, and the method of teaching it, and an experience of 30 years in the school room, tell us plainly that the schools are not going back. There is an apparent motion backward, but it is the school going ahead. True, methods are not vet perfect, but they are immesurably better than those of 50, ves 25 years ago. This is the beginning of a new century. In all things it should be better than the last. The public schools have been, and are still, the pride of the glorious old Commonwealth. They are the nurseries in which the future citizens of the Town are to be trained in one of the most essential things in life, character and good citizenship. They are yours to maintain, yours to perpetuate, yours to cherish with the kindest care and with the deepest interest. We whom you have trusted as your agents have tried to do our part honestly, conscientiously. We submit this report, thanking you for the confidence reposed in us, and with the hope and wish that the next century will show even a larger degree of progress than the last.

E. D. HARMON,

For the Committee.

Monterey, March 11, 1901.

#### FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

## Appropriations.

Unexpended balance of '99,	<b>\$129</b>	60
For schools,	800	00
State fund,	482	87
Dog tax,	34	30
State reimbursement for teachers,	188	50
Tuition of State wards,	25	20
Rent of hall,	19	00
Sale of supplies,	3	80
Village pupils for blackboards,	I	25
Homer Dowd, overpaid,		50-\$1,685 02

#### Teachers' Wages.

Paid Fannie E. Robinson,	<b>\$ 28</b> 8 90
E. D. Harmon,	240 00
S. Louise Bidwell,	176 00
Sarah Downs,	200 00
Sarah McIlvaine,	50 00
Annie Twing, state reimbursement,	4 50— \$958 50
Transportation.	
Paid, Mrs. H. J. Rogers,	\$ 78 25
Mary Worden,	55 00
H. J. Griswold,	48 co
Mrs. Sarah Garrison,	43 00
Mrs. Geo. Goewey,	22 50
Mrs. E. T. Smith,	22 '00
E. D. Harmon,	9 50
Mrs. Smith Ariail,	13 20—\$ 291 45
Books and Suppl	lies.
Paid Edward E. Babb & Co.,	\$14 83
American Book Co.,	16 71
Ginn & Co.,	35 99
O. D. Case & Co.,	3 69— \$71 22
Repairs and Permanent Imp	rovements
Paid H. P. Fargo, lumber and repairs,	\$28 55
Thomas & Palmer, shingles,	51 60
London Clark, cartage,	3 00
Charles Scott, woodhouse,	8 00
J. M. Kinne, work and material,	6 72—\$ 97 87
Fuel.	
Paid R. F. Dowd for sawing wood,	. 10 75
Homer Dowd for sawing wood,	5 00 \$15 75
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#### Miscellaneous.

Paid E. D. Whitney, for book case,	\$ 2	00		
Jessie Townsend, wall paper,	. I	20		
Mrs. B. E. Tryon, paper hanging,	I	00		
B. E. Tryon, cleaning school houses,	7	00		
Express, freight and cartage,	.2	70		
Mrs. Bessie Wright, cleaning school				
, house,	1	50		
Clara Gregory, care of school room,	. 4	50		
E. D. Harmon, express,		65		
E. Y. Foote, printing,	2	CO		
M. M. Stedman, school census,	2	00		
C. Burrows, making fires,	5	00		
Russell Kilborn, making fires,	2	50		
E. D. Harmon, making fires,	2	50		
Harry Scott, making fires,	2	00		
Burt Johnson, making fires,	2	50		
Care and distribution of books and				
supplies,	8	00		
Miss McIlvaine, broom and pail,		55-\$	47	6

#### Summary of Money Expended.

Paid for teachers' wages,	\$958	50		
Transportation of pupils,	291	45		
Books and supplies,	71	22		
Repairs and permanent improvements,	. 97	87		
Fuel,	15	75		
Miscellaneous,	47	60-	-\$1,482	39
Total appropriations,			\$1,685	02
Unexpended balance,			\$202	63

E. D. HARMON, H. T. FARGO, MARY M. STEDMAN.

Monterey, Mass., March 11, 1901.

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# ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

## **OFFICERS**

OF THE TOWN OF

# MONTEREY, MASS.,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 10,

1902



# ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

## SELECTMEN

OF THE

# TOWN OF MONTEREY

And their Settlement with the Treasurer for the Year Ending March 10,

1902

ALSO THE REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The Berkshire Courier Print: Great Barrington, Mass., 1902.

#### WARRANT.

#### Extract from Town Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting to Be Held Monday, March 31.

- Art. 1. To choose a moderator.
  - 2. To hear reports.
  - 3. So choose the necessary town officers.
  - 4. To act on list of jurors.
  - 5. To choose an agent to represent the town in any and all lawsuits in which the town is, or may be, involved.
  - 6. To see if the town will revoke the vote passed at last annual meeting to adopt provisions of section 332, chap. 548, acts of 1898.
  - 7. To raise money for contingent expenses and support of poor and for town officers.
  - 8. To raise money for schools and superintendent's salary.
  - 9. To raise money for highways.
  - 10. To see what method the town will adopt for collection of taxes.
  - II. To vote "Yes" or "No" on the sale of intoxicating liquors.
  - 12. To see if the town will appropriate money for the Monterey Free Library.
  - 13. To elect fire wards.
  - 14. To appoint officer to sell and deed real estate.
  - 15. To authorize the treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.
  - 16. To see if the town will appropriate ten (\$10) dollars for the expenses of school children in observance of Memorial day.
  - 17. To appropriate money for the sinking fund.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT,

For the Year Ending March 10, 1902.

#### WILBUR F. MINER, Treasurer.

1901.	Receipts.	Dr	٠.
March	25 To balance in treasury from 1900,	\$ 640	85
April	I Nancy O. Heath, for town hay,	24	50
April	18 W. S. Bidwell, auctioneer's license,	2	00
	Reimbursement for insane paupers,	95	06
May	Collector, for 1900,	216	25
May	11 State Treasurer's fund for education of		
	charity children,	ΙI	00
May	21 Treasurer of Pittsfield for Susan L. Barnes		
	and children,	20	00
June	24 Reimbursements for cattle inspector,	14	35
July	r Borrowed of Gt. Barrington Savings Bank	500	00
Oct.	5 District Court fees in Reynolds & Scranton		
	fish case,	7	00
Nov.	28 State Treasurer on account of State high-		
	way loan fund,	300	00
Dec.	11 Corporation tax,	100	09
Dec.	11 National Bank tax,	28	25
Dec.	11 State aid,	473	00
Dec.	11 Massachusetts' school fund for teachers,	210	00
Dec.	II For burial of indigent soldiers,	31	00
Dec.	II For tuition of children in small towns,	441	00
Dec.	11 From H. P. Fargo for rent of school hall,	37	50
1902			
Jan.	6 From District Court fees in Burke et al case,		00
Jan.	13 From dog fund,		90
Jan.	27 Massachusetts school fund,	730	46
March	8 From Mary M. Stedman, for sale of school		
	supplies,		89
	10 H. P. Fargo, for sale of school supplies,	2	80
March	10 From Collector for 1901,	3,471	71
		\$7,409	61

Examined and found correct,

HENRY CLAPP, Auditor. March 12, 1902.

#### WILBUR F. MINER, Treasurer.

1901.	Expenditures.		Cr	
	26 W. S. Bidwell, officer's fees in Wagner and		,	
2.2 0.2 0.2	Hathaway case,	\$	15	70
May	21 Library trustee order,	"	40	
June	22 Sheriff Douglas, costs in John Martin case,			OI
June	22 Gt. Barrington, tuition of scholars,		432	
July	6 M. V. Thomson, treasurer, interest on two		10	
5 ,	Fund society notes,		40	84
June	26 Abatement of James Hook's poll tax for		٠,	,
	1900,		2	00
Sept.	5 Interest on Mrs. Mary E. Langdon's note,		19	15
Oct.	26 M. V. Thomson, treasurer, interest on			
	Fund Society note,		13	50
Oct.	28 County tax,		357	_
Nov.	4 W. W. Norton, officer's fees in John Burke			''
	et al case,		6	52
Nov.	7 Albert H. Eldredge, fish commissioner in			J
	Cassius C. Scranton case,		7	56
Dec.	6 Gt. Barrington Savings Bank, note and in-		- /	50
	terest,		510	77
Dec.	11 State tax,		140	
Dec.	17 Balance of Mrs. M. E. Langdon, note and		. 40	•
	interest,		316	54
1902	,		0 - 0	JT
Jan.	6 M. V. Thomson, treasurer, interest on five			
	Fund Society notes to Jan. 1, 1902;		58	40
Jan.	Abatement Frank J. Hart for 1900,		2	6 <b>o</b>
Jan.	Albert Harrison, 1900,		2	00
Jan,	Wesley Decker, 1900,			60
Jan. Jan.	Walter R. Burbank, 1901, Nelson Hyde, 1901,			00
Jan.	Harry J. Griswold, 1901,			00
Jan.	Henry W. Langdon, 1901,		I	50
Jan.	Discounts allowed on taxes at 3 per cent.			
Ion	to Oct. 1,		65	
Jan. Jan.	Paying selectmen's orders, Cash in treasury to balance,	4,	413 950	
J 411.	Dan in treasury to minute,	4		-
		<b>\$7</b>	409	61

## SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

#### Support of Poor.

Suppo	10 01 1 0011		
Paid for Ellen Olmstead,		\$120	00
Dr. Chapin, for Ellen Ol	mstead,	17	75
Nancy O. Heath, for Ma	rtha Pomeroy,	109	00
Northampton Insane As	ylum, for Mrs. Johnson,	169	46
Delmer C. Tryon, keepir	ig tramps,	I	00
Geo. L. Keyes, keeping	tramps,	I	00
	Total,	\$418	21
Sta	ate Aid.		
Paid A. W. Brett,		48	00
W. E. Bump,		72	00
Timothy Curtin,		72	00
Sarah J. Gregory,		48	00
James M. Kinne,		72	00
William Maxwell,		48	00
Fannie L. Nye,		48	00
Porter H. Sears,		18	00
Cornelia A. Sears,	ę	36	00
Mary Frost,		9	00
	Total,	\$471	00
Highways	and Bridges.		
Paid A. M. Dowd, road comm	uissioner,	\$835	00
John Palmer, labor,		2	50
J. H. Bills, labor,		2	25
Chas. Werden, labor,		3	00
Chas. Benton, labor,		I	00
Howard Martin, labor,		I	50
Rufus C. Brett, labor,		_ 5	80
Lafayette Battelle, labor,		9	06
E. J. Goewey, labor,		I	50
G. L. Keyes, labor,		4	00
	Total,	\$865	61

#### Snow Bills.

Paid Geo. W. Shultis,       \$ 3 40         J. C. Martin,       3 60         C. Scott,       3 00         P. Curtin,       1 50         J. Curtin,       4 00         C. Waters,       60         E. Stoebner,       1 20         F. Brochu,       3 60         W. Hart,       9 55         E. Goewey and J. Eihorn,       1 05         R. J. Goldberg,       2 85         James Martin,       2 00         M. C. Berlepsch,       3 20         London Clark,       14 00         Randall Dowd,       50         R. C. Brett,       1 90         Spicer Jones,       2 20         Charles Kimberley,       2 30         J. Fred Benedict,       7 00
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Geo. M. Goewey,
Elmer Kinne, 5 50
Forrest May, 4 00
C. W. Gregory,
J. H. Bills, 2 50
B. E. Tryon,
G. L. Keyes, 8 00
Earl Loom, 70
Total, \$95 65
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State Road.
Paid F. W. Peasley, \$400 00
Schools.
Paid orders of school committee, \$1,540 07

#### Town Officers.

10WII OTHERS,	
Paid George W. Morse, assessor,	\$ 38 80
Paid John Palmer, assessor,	15 00
Bert E. Tryon assessor,	, 15 00
E. D. Harmon, school committee,	21 00
Mary M. Stedman, school committee,	20 00
H. P. Fargo, school committee,	15 00
John Gregory, constable,	10 00
H. W. Langdon, town clerk,	17 00
Geo. L. Keyes, selectman,	30 00
C. W. Gregory, selectman,	20 00
R. C. Brett, selectman,	10 00
W. F. Miner, collector,	50 00
W. F. Miner, treasurer,	15 00
H. W. Langdon, register of voters,	2 00
C. W. Gregory, register of voters,	4 00
G. L. Keyes, register of voters,	4 00
C. W. Gregory, fire warden,	I 00
G. L. Keyes, overseer of poor,	14 50
C. W. Gregory, overseer of poor,	6 00
D. C. Tryon, inspector of animals,	32 00
D. C. Tryon, tree warden,	. 2 00
Henry Clapp, auditor,	2 00
W. S. Bidwell, election officer,	2 00
A. J. Hall, election officer,	2 00
G. W. Morse, election officer,	2 00
B. E. Tryon, election officer,	2 00
Tota	1, \$352 30
Contingent Expenses.	
Paid bills in Martin case,	\$70 80
D. C. Tryon, driving hearse,	2 50
M. V. Thomson, driving hearse,	7 50
H. P. Fargo, memorial exercises,	10 00
C. W. Gregory, painting hearse,	9 00
James McManus, labor on cemetery,	6 00
S. C. Warriner, insurance,	46 12
Bidwell & Wheeler, insurance,	6 00

Paid H. C. Stedman, care of cemetery,	2 00
For rent of church basement,	25 00
H. W. Langdon's bill,	20 41
Tax on Dowd farm,	21 18
C. H. Waters, painting signs,	1 50
W. F. Miner, stamps and stationery,	2 00
G. L. Keyes, stamps and stationery,	7 00
C. W. Gregory, stamps and stationery,	2 00
Expense on State road,	1 00
Modest Le Prim, damages on road,	6 00
Berkshire Courier, printing reports,	24 50
Total,	\$270 51

#### RECAPITULATION.

Paid for support of poor,		\$ 418 21
State aid,		471 00
Highways and bridges,		865 61
Snow bills,		95 65
State road,		400 00
School,		1.540 07
Town officers,		352 30
Contingent expenses,		270 51
	Total,	\$4,413_35

#### ASSETS OF TOWN.

#### Resources.

Cash in treasury,	\$950 99
Due from collector,	256 69
Due for tuition of children of small towns,	306 00
Due for insane paupers,	32 03
Due for State aid,	471 00
Due for cattle inspection,	i2 00
School supplies,	150 00
Hearse,	250 00

Scales,	40.00
Road machine, scraper, plow, etc.,	290 00
Safe,	130 00
Title to Dowd farm	250 00
Due from Nancy O. Heath for hay,	9 00
Total,	\$3,147 71

#### Liabilities.

Notes of Fund society,

1,878 96

Balance in favor of town,

\$1,268 75

G. L. KEYES, C. W. GREGORY, R. C. BRETT,

Selectmen of Monterey.

Examined and found correct,

HENRY CLAPP, Auditor.

#### REPORT OF MONTEREY FREE LIBRARY.

As Chairman of the Board of Library Trustees, I beg leave to present the following report of the condition of the Free Library:

Its patronage remains about the same as last year, and there is no pleasanter sight to look upon than that of the young people going to the shelves, examining and selecting books. About 30 volumes were added last summer. The 1st of November the Woman's Education Association loaned us a new "Travelling Library," and soon after the new year the State gave us 52 volumes of new books at a valuation of \$50, and we have \$50 more standing to our credit with the Massachusetts Free Library Commission. In the summer the usefulness of the library was impaired by a severe storm. The building was nearly wrecked, and the books had to be removed. The same has now been put in safe and good repair. The building and contents have been

properly insured. Thanks are due to the Young Ladies' Guild and the Village Improvement Society for their very substantial aid in repairing the building.

Mr. Scott of Tyringham gave the library and its patrons a most interesting and valuable lecture on the three R's.

From the treasurer's report I make the following abstract:

\$ 3 00
40 00— 43 00
\$25 00
10 00
8 00- 43 00

The incidental expenses of the library, such as oil, ink, etc., are met by fines in our due books.

E. D. HARMON,

MONTEREY, Mass., March 12, 1902.

Chairman Trustees.

#### REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF MONTEREY.

Fellow Townsmen:—Your committee beg to submit the following report:

The school census taken in September, 1901, gave a total of '95 children of school age in the town, a decrease of one from 1900.

At the last annual meeting the town voted to accept the provisions of section 439 of chapter 44 in regard to superintendence of schools, and made an appropriation of \$150 therefor. Such a superintendency district was formed with the towns of Tyringham, Otis, and Lee. The superintendent's salary was fixed at \$1,500, and he was to give attention to the smaller towns when their schools were in session, as they had a less number of weeks of school than Lee. The periods of services were to be 25 days each, of which your share was to be five days. The time has been ample for the thorough supervision of your schools.

In the matter of repairs, the village schoolhouse has had a

new roof placed on the west side, and has been newly and neatly painted. Under this head, we would add that some good blackboards have been placed where they were very much needed. Insurance has been placed upon the various schoolhouses and their contents to the value of \$3,075.

There was a union observance of Memorial day, \$10 being appropriated therefor. All who took part in the exercises acquitted themselves in a most creditable manner. We would recommend a similar observance this year, but not the picnic at the close of the spring term.

Several pupils from our schools have passed to the Searles school at Great Barrington. No report of their standing has come to us, but we hear favorable oral reports of their work.

Your committee have made this general report of their work for the year. For a more detailed report, together with one of the work of the schools, we take pleasure in referring you to Superintendent Keyes's report to the committee, which is herewith presented.

Your committee has accepted this report. This has been an experimental six months, and the public should not expect too much in that time. Teachers, committee and superintendent are now acquainted, and the latter has discovered the needs of the schools, and is now ready to do something that will make a better showing during the coming school year.

Thanking you for your liberal appropriation for the public schools, and for your confidence reposed in us as your agents in the handling of it, we remain sincerely yours in the cause of the common schools.

E. D. HARMON, Chairman,

For the Committee.

Monterey, Mass., March 12, 1902.

#### STATISTICAL TABLE OF THE SCHOOLS.

Schools.	Terms 1901-'02.	Teachers.	No. Weeks in Term	Whole No. enrolled.	between 5 and	No. between 7 and 14	No. under 5.	No. over I5	Average Membership.	Average Attendance.	Per cent. of Att'd'nce.	T'l half daysTardiness.
Center -	Fal' Winter	Grace D. Leach	12	36 31	32 26	28 21	0	4 5	32.0 29.7	28.2 25.8	88.0 87.0	29 42
Old Center	Fall Winter	E. D. Harmon	11 11	12 04	12 07		0	0	11.7 7.0		77.0 74.0	0
Mors	Fall Winter	Me bel G. Loring	12 10	15 13	15 13	14	0	0	13.8 13.0	12.5 11.8	90.0 91.0	14 48
Pond ·	Fall Winter	Sarah F. Downs	12 10	14 15	13 14	8	0	1 1	13.1 10.5	11.3 7.9	86.0 74.0	84 29

#### FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

#### Appropriations.

Unexpended balance of 1900,	\$ 202 63
For schools,	600 00
Superintendent,	150 00
State fund,	730 46
Dog tax,	38 90
State reimbursement for teachers,	210 00
Tuition of State wards,	11 00
Rent of hall,	37 50
Sale of supplies,	4 69
	\$1,985 18
Calcal Superintendent	

School Superintendent.

Paid A. H. Keyes, \$150 00

#### Teachers' Wages.

	,	
Paid	Fannie E. Robinson,	\$143 00
	E. D. Harmon,	221 00
	S. Louise Bidwell,	90 00
	Grace D. Leach,	147 00
	Mabel Loring,	110 00
	Sarah Downs,	200 00
		\$911 00
	Transportation.	
Paid	Mrs. H. J. Rogers,	\$ 90 00
	Alice Harmon,	54 50
	Mrs. F. Peasley,	59 00
	M. C. Berlepsch,	32 25
	Chas. Worden,	25 22
	Mrs. Mary Kilbourn,	20 00
	J. L. Irving,	12 00
,	H. J. Griswold,	11 50
	Mrs. Arial (old bill),	4 00
	,	\$308 47
	Parks and Supplies	#300 47
	Books and Supplies.	
Paid	Leavenworth & Green,	\$12 80
	Caxton Co.,	12 96
	E. Babb,	16 62
	American Book Co.,	9 10
	Ginn & Co.,	9 91
	University Pub. Co.,	I 20
		62 59
	Repairs and Permanent Improvements.	
Paid	C. W. Gregory, for painting,	\$38 00
1 alu	E. D. Whitney, work,	8 10
	H. P. Fargo, work,	6 56
	J. Griswold, work,	
	J. Bills, work,	, ,
	S. L. Bidwell, work,	50
	O. 17. Diawell, Work,	75
		\$56 66

#### Fuel.

Paid J. Griswold, for wood,	\$ 6	00
F. W. Peasley, drawing wood,	2	00
Jas. Martin, sawing wood,	2	00
E. D. Harmon, sawing wood,	1	50
Myrtle Martin, piling wood,		60
	\$12	10
Miscellaneous.		
Paid B. E. Tryon, cleaning schoolhouses,	\$ 7	00
C. Burrows, making fires,	5	00
Sarah Downs, making fires,	3	00
E. D. Harmon,	2	50
Harry Scott,	2	50
Care and distribution of books and supplies,	8	00
Della Tryon and others, care of school room,	4	50
M. M. Stedman, school census,	2	00
Express, freight and postage,	4	55
Sarah Downs, pail and dipper,		20
	\$39	25.
Summary of Money Expended.		
Paid for teachers' wages, \$911 00		
Transportation of pupils, 308 47		
Superintendent, 150 00		
Books and supplies, 62 59		

E. D. HARMON, H. P. FARGO, MARY M. STEDMAN.

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1,985 18

\$445 11

MONTEREY, Mass, March 10, 1902.

Fuel,

Miscellaneous,

Repairs and permanent improvements,

Total appropriations,

Unexpended balance,

#### SUPERINTENDENT KEYES' REPORT.

To the School Committee of Monterey:

I beg leave to submit the following report of your schools for the six months commencing September 1st, 1901, and ending March 1st, 1902:

Your teachers have been zealous and progressive and have done effective work. I need not speak of them individually, as you know of their good results. The important matters for our consideration are those that pertain to the improvement of the schools. The first great improvement, to my mind, would be the consolidation of all the schools at the Center.

You have at the present time outside of the Center three schools. The Morse District school has enrolled this year 15 pupils, but at the end of the winter term had but 13, and three of these did not belong in the district. There were left but 10 pupils in the district on March 1st, and I am informed that three of the families having children in the school will remove from the district before the spring term commences. If they do there will be left only one pupil in the district. There may be other families come in to take their places and these families may have children of school age, but, be that as it may, the number of pupils in the district in all probability will be very small nex term, and it would hardly pay to run a school when the pupils can be transported to the Center for much less than the cost of running the school.

The Old Center district has no children in the immediate vicinity of the school and there are only two families where the children are not transported. All but two pupils come from the Beartown region and these Beartown children are now transported at the expense of \$3.50 per week. There are 11 children in this region but the average attendance in school from this locality has been only 8 in the fall term and only 4 for the winter term. The only remedy seemed to be, if these children were not transported to the Center, to rent an old building near the homes of the children and fit it up for a school. If this was done, the Pierson children would have to be transported to some school. The best solution of the difficulty is for a team to go the Beartown

region, take all the children there, pick up the Pierson children at the Old Center, go to the Morse District and get the children there and carry all to the Center. Mr. Herbert Smith, a man well fitted to do the work well, has agreed to transport the children to the Center for \$5 a week and will carry them in a comfortable team. I should advise the town to employ him for that purpose.

The Pond District school has enrolled 15 pupils during the year, and has had an average attendance in the fall of 11 pupils and in the winter term of 8. Quite a large number of these children have been carried to this school at an expense of about \$3 per week. This school can be transported to the Center for \$10 a week by Mr. A. W. Peasley in a comfortable team, and the team would also take the children now carried by Mr. Berlepsch. Mr. A. M. Dowd would do the carrying for \$3 per day and Mr. F. G. Heath has also expressed a willingness to carry the children. So that the transportation can be readily taken care of.

If the consolidation at the Center should be made, it would be necessary to make a school room for the five upper grades out of the room on the second floor of the present school building. This could be done at little expense. Seats, blackboards, apparatus and books could be moved from the other school buildings and very few new things would have to be bought.

The lower room should be used for the primary room and contain the first four grades.

We will now compare the expense per week of consolidation with the present expense:

Two teachers at \$7 per week,

Transportation from the eastern part of town,	3
Transportation from Beartown and Morse district,	5
Transportation from Pond District,	10
Total per week	\$22

\$14

I have not considered the expense of fitting up the room at the Center nor the cost of the fuel and books, for, if the consolidation is not made, a building will have to be fitted up at Beartown for the pupils there, and the expense of doing this will be almost as great as the expense at the Center, and certainly the fuel bill will be much smaller for the two rooms than for four, while the cost of books would remain about the same. Therefore I would say in regard to these three items, the cost of consolidation would be no more than under the present system.

The present cost of our schools per week is as follows:

One teacher at \$7,	. \$. 7
Three teachers at \$5,	. 15
Transportation, six teams,	13 60
Total per week,	\$35 60
Total per week under consolidation,	32 00
Saved per week under consolidation	\$3 60

Saved in school year (32 weeks) under consolidation, \$115.20

Over one hundred dollars are saved per year by such consolidation. Again the consolidation would be an advantage to our school system. In our schools this year 77 pupils have been enrolled. The average attendance in the fall term was 61, in the winter term 51. These 77 pupils could be apportioned nearly to two rooms, making about 39 to each room, with an average attendance of above 30. This arrangement would be very good as far as number is concerned. The great advantage would be in the graded system, as each teacher would have only one half the classes to hear that the present teacher does at the Center and twice as much time could be given to each recitation. It is impossible for a teacher to make much advancement in a school where she has between 30 and 40 recitations per day. The children at the Center would receive much benefit from such a graded school, and those outside would receive the same benefit, and besides they would have the association with larger numbers and class rivalry and ambition would be developed. Children learn much from one another and get larger views of life.

To sum up, the advantages are, a graded school of two departments where all the children of the town are brought together, where they learn much from one another and where their ambition is developed in fair sized classes and in strong class work,

where the teachers have twice as much time for each recitation as they now have and where a regular course of study can be carried forward and graduations to the high school be made. Secondly, the expense of such consolidation is one hundred dollars less than the cost of our present school system. Thirdly, the superintendent could give his whole time to one graded school from 9 o'clock till 4 o'clock on the day of his visit and would not lose time driving from one school to another. Again the town would not need so much time of the superintendent and in a reapportionment some of the expense of his salary could be reduced.

The only objections that can be offered to the consolidation are, first, the unpleasantness of transportation severallmiles in cold or wet weather and second the depreciation of farm property where schools are closed. In reply I will say that a great majority of the children that would be carried, if a consolidation was made, have been carried under the present system, and under consolidation would have to be carried only a few miles farther each day. Again, good teams will be provided to transport the children and they will be carried comfortably.

The second objection to consolidation is the belief among farmers that their property will depreciate in value if the school is closed in their district. Now this is not a fact, as has been shown by state officers who have examined this matter, but the fact is that in a majority of cases where the children in country districts have been carried in comfortable teams to graded schools, the value of farms in such country districts has been increased because of the better school privileges. In consideration of all these points, I would urge such consolidation before the opening of the spring term.

The next important thing is the poor attendance in the schools. Only one school in town has reached 90 per cent. in attendance and two of the schools have dropped to 74 per cent. during the winter term. This is a matter for serious thought. The city and larger village schools of the state have a per cent. of attendance varying between 92 and 98 and very few of them drop below 90. Wherever this poor attendance occurs the work of the school is much weakened and its vigor and life much impaired. It injures not only the pupils absent but those that at-

tend regularly, because so much work has to be repeated. This trouble can be remedied by the teacher's awakening a strong desire to learn in the hearts of the pupils, and causing them to feel that they cannot afford to lose a day, and also by the teacher's visiting the parents, showing her interest in the children and getting the co-operation of the parents in securing good attendance. The final remedy is the law and it would be well for one or two of the worst cases to suffer the penalty of the law if they cannot be reached in any other way.

The schools are well supplied with books and nearly all o them are the improved ones of the day. There will be need of but few changes and few additions each year and the expense will be small.

If the consolidation is made, I advise the adoption of the course of study that I have just prepared for Lee, so that we may have regular grades of work and the graduates of the school may be prepared to enter any high school.

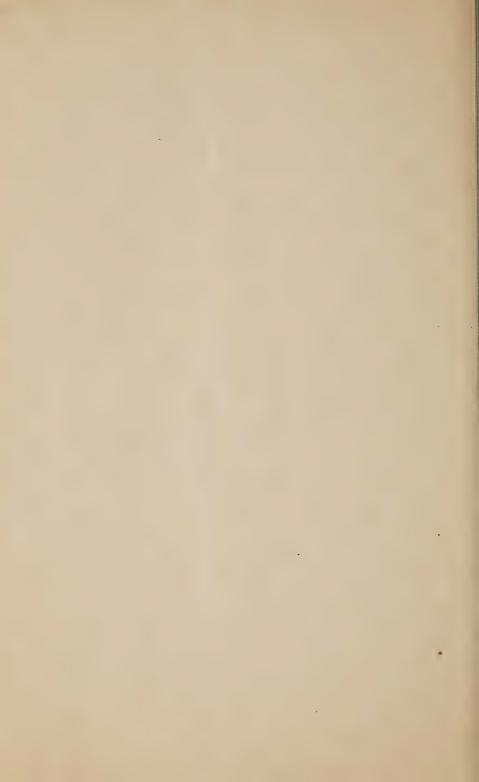
I append to this report a statistical table of your schools for the fall and winter terms, those that have been under my care.

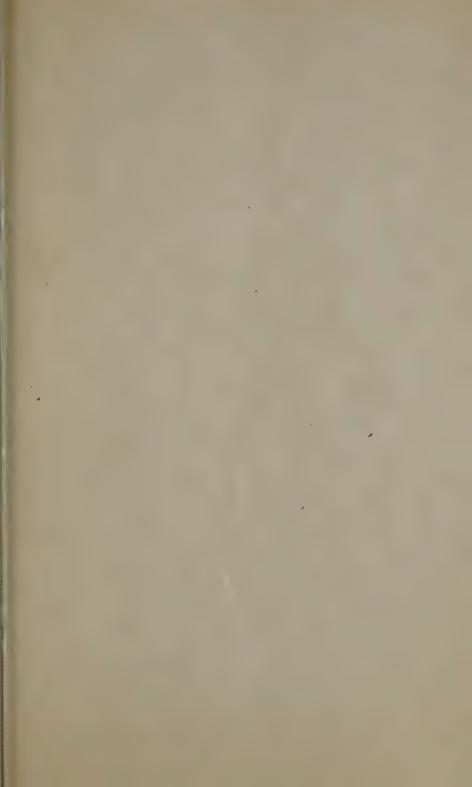
I heartily thank you for the support you have given me in all the school work.

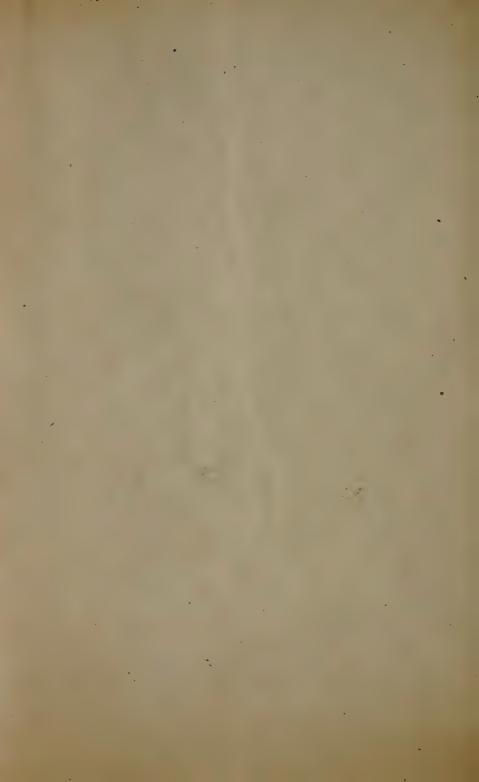
Respectfully submitted,

A. H. KEYES,

Superintendent.







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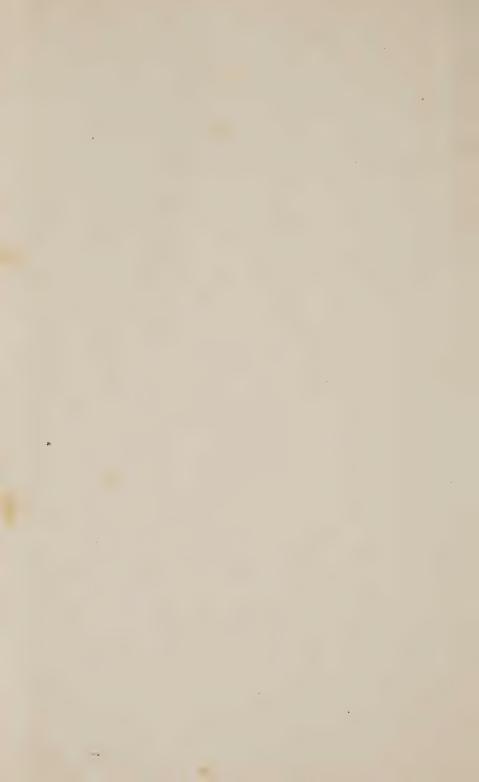
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FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 10,

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## TREASURER'S REPORT.

1902.		WILBUR F. MINER, Teasurer.	Dr	
		e in treasury from 1901,	\$ 950	
March	anc	Received from H. P. Fargo, for town	# 950	99
111111111		shingle,	2	10
		Received reimbursements for insane,	127	
April	T /7	Received from F. M. Harmon, butcher's	12/	00
ripin	1/	license,	т.	00
June	26	Borrowed from Great Barrington Savings		00
June	20	Bank.	600	00
Aug.	22	Received reimbursement for cattle	000	00
rrug.	22	inspector,	12	00
Oct.	2	Received state reimbursement for Super-	1 22	00
•	2	intendent of Schools,	250	00
Dec.	0	Received State Highway Loan Fund.	320	
Dec.	_	Received from State Treasurer, Cor-	320	00
Dec.	1.	poration Tax,	00	77
Dec.	11		99	73
Dec.		Bank Tax,	22	81
Dec.	1.1		469	
Dec.		Received from tuition of school children	409	
Dec.	4.1	in small towns,	450	00
Dec.	10	Received from Massachusetts school fund	430	
200	* 7	for teachers,	175	50
		Received from tax collector for 1901,	246	
1903.			-40	
Jan.	9	Received from District Court for quarter		
		ending, Dec. 31,		94
Jan.	17	Received from County Treasurer, dog fund	, 47	39
Jan.	26	Received from State Treasurer, Mass.		
		school fund,	300	00
		Received from H. P. Fargo, rent of		
		school house hall,	26	50
		Received from tax collector for 1902.	3,521	91
			\$7,624	77

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190		WILBUR F. MINER, Treasurer.	Cr.	
Maich	10	By paying Wm. S. Bidwell officer's fees	At-	0
May	0	in John Kuntz case, vagrancy,	\$ 12	
2		By paying library trustee order,	40	00
May	21	By paying M. V. Thomson treasurer of		
		Fund Society interest on note to May		
		I, 1902,	16	84
July	28	By paying town of Great Barrington		
G .		tuition for spring term,	I 44	00
Sept.	24	By paying Dewitt Smith officer's fees in		
		George G. Huber case,	27	35
Sept.	24	By paying Dewitt Smith, officer's fees in		
		Andrew C. Fearing case,	13	40
Oct.	I	By paying M. V. Thomson, treasurer		
		of Fund Society, interest on two notes		
0.4	- 0	to September 18, 1902,		50
Oct.		By paying county tax, By paying Wm. S. Bidwell, officer's fees	442	39
INOV.	4	in George G. Huber case.	26	10
Nov.	4	By paying Wm. S. Bidwell, officer's fees	20	10
	•	in Andrew C. Fearing case,	12	70
Dec.		By paying state tax,	120	00
Dec.	12			4.
Dec.	7 Q	Bank note (\$600) and interest, (\$13.83) By paying Great Barrington, tuition for	613	83
Dec.	10	for fall term,	144	00
190			* +++	
Jan.	3	By paying Dewitt Smith, officer's fees in		
Tan	0	Wm. Ellis case,	5	30
Jan.	0	By paying M.V. Thomson, treasurer of Fund Society, interest on five notes,	-8	40
Feb.	14	By paying Wm. S. Bidwell, officers fees	20	40
	- 1	in Charles Worden case,	6	75
Feb.	26	By paying town of Great Barrington,		
		tuition for winter term,	144	00
Feb.		By paying abatement, F. M. Harmon,		
Feb.		By paying abatement, E. V. Lyon, 1902,		75 75
Feb.		Discount allowed on on taxes to Octo-		75
		ber 1st, at 3 per cent.	70	55
Feb		By paying selectmen's orders,	5,021	31
Feb.		Cash in treasury to balance,	665	OI
			\$7,624	77

#### SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

#### Support of Poor.

Paid board of Ellen Olmstead,	\$132	00
Clothes for Ellen Olmstead,	2	50
Dr. Payne, for Ellen Olmstead,	16	70
Dr. Chapin, for Ellen Olmstead,	21	00
Nancy O. Heath, for Martha Pomeroy,	110	00
Northampton Insane Hospital, for Mary J.		
Johnson,	169	46
G. L. Keyes, for Gilbert Johnson,	3	45
C. W. Gregory, for Gilbert Johnson,	I	50
Mrs. S. M. Tooley, board of Gilbert Johnson,	2 I	50
John Jones, board of Gilbert Johnson,	15	00
G. T. Gillmore, clothing Gilbert Johnson,	I	40
Dr. H. M. Smith, attendance Gilbert Johnson,	I 2	50
Fred Maxwell, keeping tramp,	I	00
D. C. Tryon, keeping tramp,	I	00
Geo. L. Keyes, keeping tramp,	I	00
· Total,	\$510	OI
State Aid.		
Paid A. W. Brett,	\$48	00
Paid A. W. Brett, W. E. Bump,		00
	72	
W. E. Bump,	72 72	00
W. E. Bump, Timothy Curtin,	72 72 48	00
W. E. Bump, Timothy Curtin, Sarah J. Gregory,	72 72 48 72	00
W. E. Bump, Timothy Curtin, Sarah J. Gregory, James M. Kinne,	72 72 48 72 36	00
W. E. Bump, Timothy Curtin, Sarah J. Gregory, James M. Kinne, Mary Frost,	72 72 48 72 36 16	00 00 00 00
W. E. Bump, Timothy Curtin, Sarah J. Gregory, James M. Kinne, Mary Frost, Cornelia A. Sears,	72 72 48 72 36 16 48	00 00 00 00 00
W. E. Bump, Timothy Curtin, Sarah J. Gregory, James M. Kinne, Mary Frost, Cornelia A. Sears, Fannie L. Nye,	72 72 48 72 36 16 48	00 00 00 00 00 00
W. E. Bump, Timothy Curtin, Sarah J. Gregory, James M. Kinne, Mary Frost, Cornelia A. Sears, Fannie L. Nye, William Maxwell,	72 72 48 72 36 16 48	00 00 00 00 00 00

#### Highway Bills for 1901=2.

Paid John Palmer,	\$2	40
L. Battelle,	3	00
A. M. Dowd,	I	00
G. L. Keyes,	I	80
Total,	\$8	20
Snow Bills For 1901=2.		
Paid Henry Woods,	\$1	30
James L. Twing,		50
James McManus,		00
Total,	\$6	So
Schools.		
Paid orders of School Committee,	\$2,024	56
Town Officers.	#-10-4	J.
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Paid George W. Morse, assessor, Charles P. Hyde, assessor,		45
Bert E. Tyron, assessor,		00
George L. Keyes, selectman,		00
C. W. Gregory, selectman,	30	00
R. C. Brett, selectman,		00
A. W. Brett, school committee,		
H. P. Fargo, schoool committee,	35	00
Dr. P. D. Payne, school committee,		00
Geo. W. Morse, election officer,		00
Bert E. Tryon, election officer,		00
Andrew J. Hall, election officers,		00
M. V. Thomson, election officer,		00
George L. Keyes, overseer of poor,		54
C. W. Gregory, overseer of poor,		00
D. C. Tryon, cattle and beef inspector,	34	
D. C. Tryon, tree warden,	~ .	00
H. W. Langdon, town clerk,	14	
Geo. L. Keyes, town agent,	•	СО
C. W. Gregory, assistant agent,	_	00
W. F. Miner, collector,	50	
W. F. Miner, treasurer,	15	00

Paid W. F. Miner, sealer of weights and measures,	2	00
G. L. Keyes, register of voters,	4	00
C. W. Gregory, register of voters,		00
H. W. Langdon, register of voters,	•	00
Henry Clapp, auditor,	2	00
Jasper H. Bills, constable,	7	50
Total,	\$356	
Contingent Expenses.		
Paid S. C. Warriner, insurance,	\$ 4	50
Berkshire Courier, printing reports,		35
John L. Sweet, scraper blades,		85
H. P. Fargo, school memorial services expense,		25
H. C. Joyner, services and expense, Martin case,		63
E. Y. Foote, printing order blanks,		00
F. Hart, freight,		43
Rent of basement,	25	00
James McManus, cemetery sexton,		00
Henry C. Stedman, cemetery sexton,	2	00
Tax on Dowd farm,	21	18
M. V. Thomson, driving hearse,	12	50
H. W. Langdon's bill,	31	08
L. Battelle,	II	28
G. L. Keyes, stamps and stationery,	7	50
W. F. Miner, stamps and stationery,	2	00
Express on sample guideboard,		35
G. L. Keyes, time with engineer,	2	00
C. W. Gregory, time with engineer,	I	00
G. L. Keyes, trip after teams and grader,	3	00
Total,	\$259	90
Highways and Bridges.		
Paid W. S. Bidwell,	\$431	63
F. G. Heath,		50
George Roberts,	3	00
H. Call,	4	50
C. Johnson,	12	00
E. Forrest,		00
S. Wright,	6	00

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Paid T. Curtin,	3 00
E. Forrest,	2 00
F. Maxwell,	66 57
J. McManus,	56 25
E. Kinne,	5 11
J. H. Bills,	36 87
Thomas & Palmer,	70 63
Geo. A. Stevens,	65 58
James Gregory,	43 38
Charles Scott,	6 25
Ferry Brouker,	2 25
James Twing,	I 35
Henry Woods,	50
W. E. Bump,	2 00
E. Kinnie,	20 00
Spicer Jones,	9 00
L. Clark,	13 60
William Hart,	12 20
Frank Hart,	75
S. J. Hyde,	16 77
F. Peasley,	49 80
John Palmer,	5 50
Henry Rogers,	6 00
Garfield May,	36 75
John Martin,	4 50
H. J. Searls,	65
A. J. Hall,	1 00
Bert Whitney,	35
· E. Stæbner,	27 00
Fred Benedict,	18 75
Sam Batelle,	1 50
James Martin, 98½ days \$2, James Martin, horse,	197 00
Will Martin,	75 136 12
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	\$1,393 36
Expenses on state road,	\$470 95
Received from state,	320 00
Balance paid by town,	\$150 95

Total amount received,	\$1,395	35
Total amount paid out,	1,393	
Balance in hands of Road Commissioner,	\$1	99

# JAMES MARTIN,

Road Commissioner.

### RECAPITULATION.

Paid support of poor,		\$ 510 01
State aid,		460 00
Highways and bridges,		1,410 35
Schools,		2,024 56
Town officers,		356 49
Contingent expenses,		259 90
	Total,	\$5,021 31

ASSETS OF TOWN.		
Resources.		
Cash in treasury,	\$644	30
Due from collector,	230	66
Due for tuition,	306	00
Due from state for insane pauper.	32	OI
Due for state aid,	460	00
Due for cattle inspection,	12.	50
School supplies,	150	00
Hearse,	250	00
Scales,	40	00
Road machine, scraper, plow, etc.,	290	00
Safe,	130	00
Title to Dowd farm,	250	
Hay at Dowd farm,	_	00 - 2,805 47
Liabilities.		, 0 17
Notes of Fund society,		1,878 96
Balance in favor of Town,		\$926 51

GEO. L. KEYES, C. W. GREGORY, R. C. BRETT,

Selectmen of Monterey.

Examined and found correct,

HENRY CLAPP, Auditor.

## REPORT OF MONTEREY FREE LIBRARY.

As chairman of the Board of Library Trustees, I beg leave to present the following report of the condition of the Free Library:

At the opening of the year, Miss S. Louise Bidwell, who had been librarian for some years, resigned the position on account of other duties. Miss Jo Tryon was elected to succeed her. Miss Tryon has performed her duties in a very satisfactory manner, but proposes to resign at the completion of her year of service.

There is something more necessary in a librarian than the simple clerical act of changing a book and crossing a card. She can be of great service to the teachers of the town, and also to pupils in selection of books for the better understanding of their school tasks. By knowing the tastes of her patrons, she can send a suitable book, when asked to do so. To do this, she must herself have a general knowledge of every subject in the library.

The library is not rich in reference books, such as encyclopedias and dictionaries, but it is exceedingly well equiped in U. S. History, and also in biography and travel. It should now begin to be used as a means of improvement, as well as a source of amusement.

The Woman's Education Association has loaned us another "Traveling Library," and has our thanks for the same.

Hearty thanks are also due Mr. James M. Kinne for some seasoned wood and kindlings which have kept us warm during the past winter.

Hon. Geo. P. Lawrence has also kindly remembered us with a large map of the United States, but unfortunately our library is in too cramped quarters to use it conveniently.

During the year from March 1, 1902 to March 1, 1903 there were drawn from the Library 1,964 volumes, an average of 38 per week. 318 were drawn in August, thus showing the appre-

ciation of the "summer boarder." In this same month there were 130 patrons.

From the treasurer's report:

Appropriation 1902, Librarian's salary, Books purchased and express,

\$40 00 \$10 00 24 90

Leaving an unexpended balance of

With a bill for stove not yet presented. All of which is respectfully submitted.

E. D. HARMON,

Chairman Trustee.

Monterey, March 17, 1903.

# LIST OF JURORS

Proposed by the Selectmen for the Ensuing Year.

Edward S. Carrington, Henry C. Stedman, Francis G. Heath, William S. Barnum, Bert E. Tryon, Charles H. Scott, George L. Keyes, Forest May.

### REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF MONTEREY.

The school committee of your town respectfully submit this, their report for the year ending March 1903:

The schools started under adverse circumstances, as there were two members of the committee new to the work, owing to the resignation of Miss Stedman after her election.

Three new teachers were needed to fill vacancies. There was some trouble and delay in obtaining efficient ones, as it was late and those who had applied were without exception engaged elsewhere

During the entire year five schools have been maintained, that at Corashire being opened in the spring.

This reduced the expense of transportation and, by relieving the teacher of the village school of extra work, gave greater opportunity for individual attention to pupils.

The old Center school building has been reshingled and many incidental repairs have been made on the school buildings as they were needed. New maps and new blackboards have been supplied; also a new stove for the Corashire school. Our expenditures may seem larger than necessary, but by an examination of the accounts, it will be found that we have had to pay a number of bills that should have been included in the report for 1902.

Memorial Day was observed. The schools united and the pupils who took part in the exercises acquitted themselves very creditably.

Our superintendent, Mr. Keyes, deserves the gratitude of all for his sincere interest in our schools and his faithful and systematic work for teachers and schools. He has been fearless in showing deficiencies, just in commending when merited and earnest and ready always in helping teachers, pupils and committee to progressive work.

In his report he has given information of the present

condition of our schools. Therefore we leave the rest to his report.

Some appropriations will be necessary for the coming year. Thanking you for the support given us in the past I sign my name.

HENRY P. FARGO,

For the Committee.

# FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

## ${\bf Appropriations.}$

Unexpended balance of 1902,	\$445 11
Town appropriation,	600 00
Superintendent,	150 00
State reimbursement for superintendent,	250 00
State reimbursement for teachers,	175 50
Rent of hall,	26 50
School fund,	300 00
Dog tax,	47 39
	\$1,994 50
School Superintendent.	
Paid A. H. Keyes,	\$342 00
Teachers.	
Paid Miss Grace Leach,	\$ 42 00
Mr. Elihu Harmon,	44 00
Sarah Downs,	244 50
Mabel G. Loring,	70 00
Mary E. Stevens,	70 00.
Caroline Grant,	50 00
Amy Loom,	105 00
Emma Bullock,	288 00
Mary Martin,	105 CO
Sarah McIlvaine,	110 00
	\$1,128 50

# Transportation.

Paid Mabel Kinne, Mrs. C. Johnson, Mrs. M. Ariel, Rufus Brett, J. L. Twing,	\$85 27 68 50 20 \$251	50 50
Mrs. M. Ariel, Rufus Brett, J. L. Twing,	68 50 20	50
Rufus Brett, J. L. Twing,	50 20	00
J. L. Twing,	50 20	00
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	\$251	
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Fuel.		
Paid A. W. Brett, for wood,	\$32	00
Rufus Brett, for wood,		00
J. T. Griswold, for wood,		00
C. Burrows, for sawing wood,		00
Roy Waters, for piling wood,		00
L. Clark, for drawing wood,		25
	\$59	25
Repairs and Permanent Improvements.		
Paid J. T. Griswold, for shingling,	\$11	25
J. H. Bills, repairing,		70
James McManus,	2	50
B. Tryon,	3	00
Thomas & Palmer, shingle and doors, '	40	2 I
Elmer Kinne, for work,		50
A. W. Brett, for work,	. 18	00
Charles Waters, for work,	3	25
	\$86	41
Books and Supplies.		
Paid Silver, Burdett & Co.,	\$ I	52
J. W. Morgan,		70
M. Stedman,		00
Ginn & Co.,	I	75
Ginn & Co.,		63
Hinds and Noble,	2	00
J. L. Hammett & Co.,	22	46
J. H. Maloney,	6	00
A. H. Keyes,	19	66
	\$59	72

#### Miscellaneous.

Paid cleaning school houses,	\$ 9	00.
H. W. Langdon, merchandise,		64
J. A. Brewer, hardware, flag ropes, etc.,	4	70
James McManus, rent,	10	00
M. M. Stedman, care of books and supplies,	5	00
Mrs. Elmer Kinne, care of books and supplies,	4	00
E. Y. Foote, printing,		97
W. Maxwell and son, work,	1	35
A. W. Brett, census,	3	00
W. S. Bidwell, services truant officer,	3	70
Hammer Bros., stove,	12	25
Amy Loom, making fires and care of school room	1, 5	00
Mary Martin, making fires and care of school roo	m, 5	00
C. Burrows, making fires and care of school room	1, 5	00
Bert Johnson, making fires,	2	50
Alexander Dooly, making fires,	2	50
Agnes Martin, care of school room,	1	50
Ora Rogers, care of school room,	3	00
M. M. Stedman, work,	I	00
Freight, postage, stationery, etc.,	II	07
	\$100	18
Summary of Money Expended.		
Paid for teachers' wages,	\$1,128	50
For transportation of pupils,	251	OC
Superintendent,	342	00
Books and supplies,	59	72
Repairs and permanent improvements,	86	41
Fuel,	59	25.
Miscellaneous,	100	18
Total expenditure,	\$2,027	06
Total appropriation,	\$1,994	50.

# STATISTICAL TABLE OF THE SCHOOLS.

Schools.	Teacherą.	Terms 1902-03		Whole No. Enrolled.	No. between 5 and 15.	No. between 7 and 14.	No. under 5 years.	No. over 15 years.	Average Membership.	Average Attendance.	Percent, of Att'd'nce.	No. times Tardy.
Center {	Emma L. Bullock	Spring Fall Winter	12	27	26	31 !4 23	0 0	1	23.7	25.2 20.9 22.1	91 88 88	29 57 77
Morse {	Mabel I. Loring	Spring Fall Winter	12	14	13	9 12 7	0 0 0	0 0	9.7	11.4 8.5 5.8	88	55
Old Center	Caroline B. Grant Mary E. Martin	Spring Fall Winter	12	8	9	787	0 0	0	6.6	5.5	51	29
Corashire }	Mary Stevens Sarah E. Downs	Sp <b>ring</b> Fall Winter	12	10		988	0 0	1	6.0 8.5 10.4	4.9 7.9 8.3	92	6
Pond {	Sarah E. Downs Sarah McIlvaine	Spring Fall Winter	11 12 10	10	10	8 6 9	0 0	0	10 N 9.9 • 9.6	9.5 9.5 8. <b>6</b>	36	10

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

#### To the School Committee:

I have the honor to present my second annual report of your schools.

In the statistical report I have shown the attendance in your schools and I wish to call your attention to this subject first. In last year's report there are only the fall and winter terms recorded, as the spring term was before I entered upon my duties in this district, therefore, in making comparisons I will use only the fall and winter terms in both years.

At the Center school there has been a decrease in numbers since last year. In the fall of that year the total enrollment was 36, while this fall it is but 27, a decrease of 9; in the winter term of last year the total was 31, this year 27, a decrease of 4. In

percent of attendance there is not much difference between the two years, about 88 percent for both years. This percent is a little low; the average for the year in this school ought to be about 92 percent, and this number can be reached if the proper school patriotism is aroused and the bad cases are attended to by the truant officer.

In the Morse district, as I predicted in my last report, there has been a decrease in numbers and also in the percent of attendance. Comparing the fall terms the decrease of enrollment is 2, and the decrease in percent of attendance is also 2. Making the same comparison of winter terms, the decrease of enrollment is 5, and the decrease in percent is 16. In this school there has been considerable sickness this winter, causing unavoidable absences and making a decrease both in enrollment and in percent. The average attendance for the winter is only 5.8 and there were several days during the cold blustering storms that there were only two or three present each day. It hardly pays to run a school for for so small a number, so that it behooves us to get in as many weeks school as possible in the early fall and the spring.

In the Old Center there is also a small decrease in numbers, caused in part by the opening of the Corashire school. The percent of attendance in this district is poorer than in any other part of the town and is caused in the main by the indifference of the parents. I am glad that the school committee have determined to enforce the law, and I expect in the future that the attendance will be brought up to the normal.

Last year there was no school at Corashire, so we have no figures with which to compare the year's results. Here also the percent of attendance is not as large as it should be with the exception of last fall term when it was 92 percent. With a record of 82 percent for the spring term and of 80 percent for the winter term, there is considerable chance for improvement. This fact is to be noted, however, that quite a little of the absence during the winter term was due to sickness and bad weather.

There has also been a slight decrease in numbers at the Pond, caused by the opening of the Corashire school. The Pond district, however, bears off the palm in good attendance, having 88

percent for the spring term, 96 percent for the fall term and 90 percent for the winter term, a great increase over last year, and nearly as good a record as in our larger towns. The children and teacher are to be strongly commended.

Nothing is more important in our schools than good attendance; you may place in your schools the best of teachers, you may give them good buildings and you may furnish them with excellent tools and equipments, and yet without the pupils, without the material to mould, the work is of no avail. The return of absent pupils is always a hindrance to those who have been constantly present. They not only advance very slowly themselves but they are obstacles to the advancement of others. and only feeble work can be done in such a school. Teachers can do much to improve attendance in the schools, they can inspire the children with love for study, they can visit the parents and secure their co-operation and they can keep the truant officer posted about the bad cases. The committee on their part can assist the truant officer and they might have a small banner or pennant made to be presented to the school that secures the largest percentage of attendance for the preceding term and to be kept by the school till the end of the term and then to be returned to the school if it still has the lead or to be sent to another if that has secured the best attendance. This banner could be used to adorn the school room or could be raised with the flag on pleasant days. This would be a simple and cheap device for arousing school pride.

I commend the desire of the school committee to keep the school buildings in good repair and to furnish the teachers and pupils with good books and equipments. Considerable has been done this year in the matter of general repairs upon the buildings and they have been made much more comfortable. Next year it would be well to have a new floor laid in the Center building and some new seats put in. Some of the other buildings need painting and some general repairs inside. A slight expense each year will keep the buildings in very good shape.

The committee have been liberal in furnishing text books and apparatus. There have been many supplementary readers put into the schools, not a large quantity of each, but a number

of kinds, so that the pupils will have a great variety of reading matter.

More and more attention has been given by the teachers to the study of sound and they are trying to get power among their pupils at an early age to pronounce ordinary words, so that in the upper grades they may read for thought and expression. Considerable advancement has been made in the subject of reading.

Arithmetic as a rule receives the most attention in our school curriculum and yet the results are not adequate to the amount of time put upon it. There are two sides to the subject, mechanical exactness with rapidity and logical reasoning. For several years since the mental arithmetic went out of our schools, too little attention has been given to reasoning. Children have worked for the answer and had little regard for the course of thought, while the teachers, in many cases, have thought that a large quantity ought to be done each day and have given little time for their pupils to reason or explain.

I have visited schools where the children sat dreaming over their arithmetic lesson and when asked why they were not busy they replied, "I don't know what to do in this problem." Their reasoning power was not strong enough to grasp the situation and take the course of thought that fits the circumstances. The remedy lies in having more mental arithmetic, more deductive reasoning using the syllogism. I have introduced in all your schools the study of mental arithmetic, and a few minutes are given each day to its study with proper explanation of the problems by the pupils.

I believe also that the four fundamental rules should be well grounded in the minds of the pupils in the lower grades. They should be very exact in addition, subtraction, multiplication and division and they should be able to do rapid work in these. Combine thorough knowledge of the four fundamental rules with fair reasoning power and the summit of arithmetic is not far off.

In the county test given this winter in spelling the Monterey schools were slightly below the average. But with increased attention to phonics and a careful choice of words I expect to see a great improvement. There should be such a study of phonics

that all words that can be spelled by sound and have no peculiarities should be spelled by the child in the fourth grade and above without study. Again in the choice of words, two things should be considered, whether the words are in common use, and whether they have difficulties so as to need study. In the recitation all methods should be combined; in oral work there should be competition such as spelling matches, there should be careful pronunciation of words and syllables, and there should be an examination as to the meaning and the use of the words; in written work there should be a combination of column and sentence method, dictation exercises and careful correction by the teacher of misspelled words, punctuation, capitals and penmanship.

Geography is taught fairly well in your schools. You have placed more maps in some of the schools and they have been a great help. The children have these constantly before their eyes and the outlines and physical features of the countries are well established in their minds. Map drawing has become a part of the work and the children have made some excellent maps. The Frye geography in your schools is a good book and as fast as these books wear out they should be replaced by the new edition by the same author.

In penmanship it is my opinion that there will be a change in this state soon from vertical to a semi-slant, but it does not seem wise at present to make any change until some system is found that is good and receives general adoption and one that will allow the children to have a free forearm movement.

At the Center school history is taught to the lower grades by stories and biographical sketches which prepare the pupils for a broader study in the upper grades.

Physiology is taught in all of the schools and considerable interest has been awakened in the study by supplementary books.

Language needs careful consideration in your schools. Especially should attention be given to the conversation and recitations of the children. Spoken language should receive as much attention as the written and they should advance side by side. Our aim in language must be to supply our children with a copious vocabulary, teach them how to use it in conversation

and writing and finally give them sufficient technical grammar at the end of their course to fit them for the high school.

I am glad that those who finished the course of study last year have gone to high school and will get a more extensive education. The fact that those who complete the course each year go to high school as a general rule is an inspiration to those in the lower grades to go on and finish their work. There is a movement now in the state legislature to pass a law that the state pay the transportation of the high school pupils from the small to the larger towns, and I hope and trust that this law will pass.

The teachers of your schools are earnest and enthusiastic and are doing fair work. Poor attendance is an obstruction to the best work.

Miss Bullock at the Center has had many years' experience, is well acquainted with schools and does faithful work. In this school I should like to see, however, more enthusiasm among the pupils and a more eager desire to learn. It is possible for some of the pupils to make more rapid advancement than they are making at the present time.

At the Morse district, Miss Loom has labored under the disadvantage of poor attendance, but for a teacher without experience she has done very well and her school has made considerable advancement in reading and arithmetic. Miss Martin at the Old Center has had the same difficulty in regard to attendance but she has done well. The town has reason to be proud of its home teachers. They have had ambition enough to get a good high school education and are now taking advantage of the spring vacation to go to the North Adams Normal School. They intend to get the professional training necessary to make them excellent teachers. I believe that the smaller towns must rely on their home girls for their corps of permanent teachers.

Teachers from other towns with any professional training can not be kept in the smaller districts of this town more than one or two terms and the constant change of teachers is detrimental to the schools. The remedy is to induce our town girls to educate and train themselves for teachers and then put them in the schools where they can do the best work and keep them there as long as possible.

Miss Stevens who taught the spring term at Corashire was an excellent teacher. She visited the parents and aroused a desire in the children to learn. Miss Downs has carried on the good work in the fall and winter terms, and the average attendance has increased each term in the school. Miss Downs also is now attending the North Adams Normal School and wants to make herself a trained teacher. She has good native ability and the training secured from time to time until she can complete her normal course will make her a valuable member of your corps of teachers.

Miss McIlvaine has had the best attendance of the schools in town and though with little experience and no training, she has done well. I have found her responsive to instruction and she has made many improvements in her work. Like the others she needs professional training and I have advised her as soon as convenient to take a normal course.

There is now a movement in the State Board of Education and among the leading educators of the state to so change the law regarding state aid for teachers that the state shall pay the smaller towns such a sum that they can pay each teacher in town \$10 a week for her services. Under such a system more would be expected of the teachers, and only teachers with professional training would be eligible; but on the other hand there would be a greater inducement for teachers to qualify for such positions and our town girls would make greater efforts to fit themselves. It would be the "Golden Age" for teachers and schools and I trust that this movement will culminate in a law to that effect.

In closing I thank the committee for their ready support and kindness throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

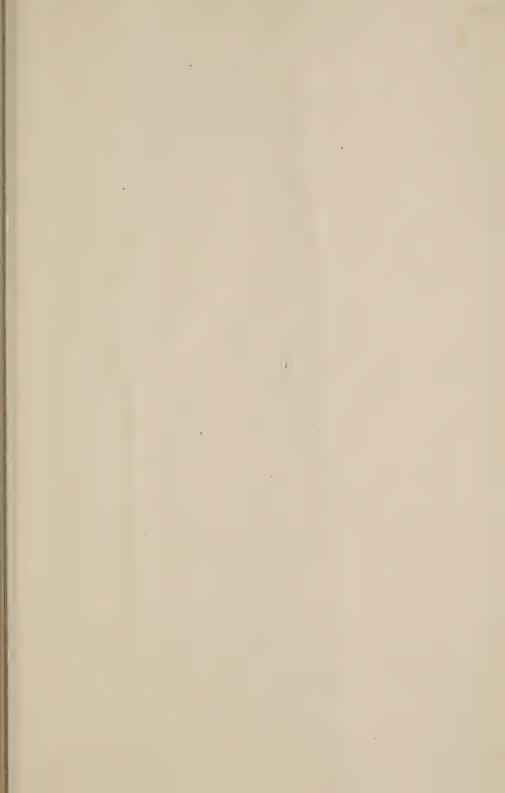
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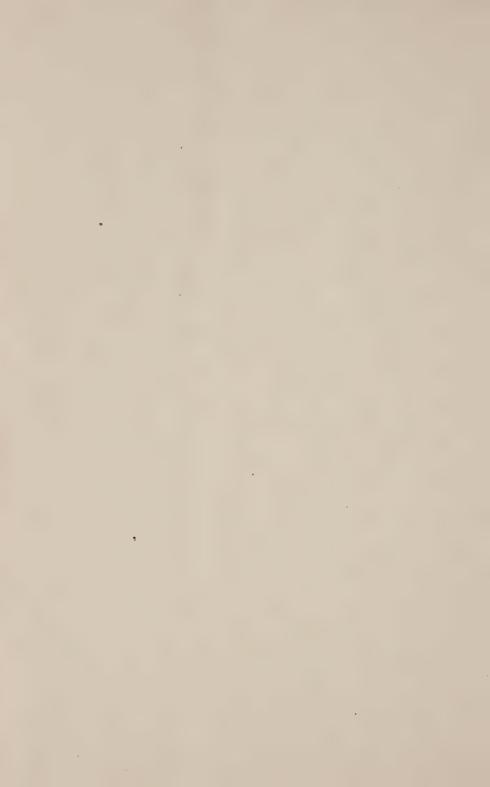
Superintendent.

### WARRANT.

#### Extracts From Town Warrant. March Meeting 1903.

- Art. 1. Choose moderator.
  - 2. Act on reports.
  - 3. Choose necessary town officers.
  - 4. Act on list of jurors.
  - 5. Appropriate money for contingent expenses, support of poor and salaries of town officers.
  - 6. Choose or elect town agent.
  - 7. Appropriate money for schools and school superintendent.
  - 8. Raise money for highways.
  - 9. To decide manner of collecting taxes.
  - 10. Raise money for support of library.
  - 11. Vote on granting license.
  - 12. To borrow money in anticipation of taxes.
  - 13. To appropriate money for sinking fund.
  - 14. To raise \$10 for children's observance of Memorial day.
  - 15. To elect fire wards.
  - 16. To appropriate money for improvement of older cemetaries.
  - 17. To see if town will contract highways in sections for term of years.
  - 18. To see if the town wishes to dispose of its real estate.









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# ANNUAL REPORT

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Great Barrington, Mass.: BERKSHIRE COURIER PRESS. 1904.

# TREASURER'S REPORT.

		WILBUR F. MINER, TREASURER.		
190	3.		Dr	
		To balance in treasury from 1902	\$665	01
April	10	Rec'd from District Court fees in C.		
		Worden case	5	00
		Rec'd reimbursements for mainten-		
		nance of insane	104	82
	15	Rec'd from James Martin, road com-		_
		missioner, 1902	1	99
	22		•	
		eer's license	.)	00
June	4	Rec'd from State Treasurer, reim-	_	., 0
0 00120	4	bursement for education of State		
		charity children	3	50
	18	Borrowed of Gt. Barrington Savings	•,	•,,
	10	Bank	600	00
	70	Rec'd from tax collector for 1902	198	
Sept.		Rec'd reimbursement for cattle in-	.1 +/- /	1,0
richie.	*/	spector	19	50
Nov.	-)1	Rec'd from Augustus Smith, reim-	1 2	*, ()
211773	A	bursement for Supt. of Schools	250	0.0
Dec.	3	Rec'd State highway loan fund	348	
Dec.		Rec'd from State Treasurer, corpora-	., 1(,	0,0
	1 1	tion tax	111	90
	11	Rec'd from State Treasurer, national		•, 0
	11	bank tax	25	26
	11	Rec'd from State Treasurer, State aid	468	
		Rec'd from salaries of public school	1000	
	4.1	teachers in small towns	128	00
190	1	tellette in singii towns,	120	
Jan.		Reimbursement of tuition of children		
., ((11)	.4.	in small towns	414	00
	9	Rec'd from County Treasurer, dog		
		fund	63	70

Feb.	22	Rec'd from County Treasurer, bounty for killing two wild cats Rec'd from District Court, quarter ending Dec. 31, 1903 Rec'd from Mrs. Clara Gregory for	10	00 60
	97	school supplies	0	80
March		Rec'd from tax collector for 1901 Rec'd from School Committee, reim-	9	87
		bursement of Mass. school fund	511	41
		Rec'd from School Committee for use		0.0
	1	of Schoolhouse Hall	11	90
	T	Rec'd from tax collector for 1903	3,538	
		-		
			\$7,487	84
		WILBUR F. MINER, TREASURER.		
190	3.	William I all the state of the	Cr	
		By paying Wm. S. Bidwell, officer's	· .	•
		fees in George Stannard arson case.	\$28	96
May	28	Paying M. V. Thomson, treasurer		
		Fund Society, interest on one note to May 1st	16	84
June	18	Paying De Witt Smith, officer's fees	10	OI
		in H. R. Wagner and John Wheeler		
		larceny case	16	20
July	21	Paying De Witt Smith, officer's fees	4.4	0 =
	9.1	in Clifford-Belmont larceny case Paying Gt. Barrington tuition for	11	85
	24	spring term	126	00
Sept.	30	Paying M. V. Thomson, treasurer, in-		
		terest on two Fund Society notes		50
Oct.	28	Paying county tax	396	<b>55</b>
		Paying abatement, Berkshire Hills Creamery, 1903	5	52
		Paying abatement, Mrs. Eugene Mc-	· ·	02
		Carthy, 1903	2	10
		Paying abatement, John Osborne es-		0.0
NT	10	tate, 1903		90
Nov.	12	Paying C. W. Gregory, bounty for killing wild cat	5	00
			0	0

Dec.	11 Paying State tax	200	00
	22 Paying Gt. Barrington tuition for fall		
	term	104	00
190	04.		
Jan.	12 Paying Gt. Barrington Savings Bank		
	note	600	00
	12 Paying interest on same	17	00
	30 Paying M. V. Thomson, treasurer, in-		
	terest on five Fund Society notes	58	40
Feb.	2 Paying library trustee order	40	00
	8 Paying John Curtin, bounty for kill-		
	ing wild cat	5	00
	Discount allowed on taxes to Oct. 1		
	at 3%		54
	Paying Selectmen's orders	4,331	
	Cash in treasury to balance	1,409	17
		A = 40 =	
	•	\$7,487	84
77			
Ex	amined and found correct.	47:1	
7/1-	HENRY CLAPP,	Auaitor	•
MIG	ch. 14th, 1904. Income of Massachusetts School Fu		
190		Dr	
Jan.			*
Jan.	21 Received from State Treasurer	Φ1,120	
		Cr	
	By paying School Committee orders.	\$871	•
	By balance in treasury	258	
	Dy parametric from the second		-L 1
		\$1,129	86
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Exa	amined and found correct.		

HENRY CLAPP, Auditor.

Mch. 14th, 1904.

# SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

Poor.		
Paid for board of Ellen Olmsted	\$144	00
Dr. Chapin, medical attendance	9	
Board of Martha Pomeroy	128	
Board of Samuel Wright	61	
Burial of Samuel Wright	24	
Jas. McManus, preparing grave		00
Board of Mary J. Johnson (N. L. Hosp.)	97	
Board of Mary J. Johnson (Mrs. Foristall)	62	
Board of Gilbert Johnson (John Jones)	15	
Slocum case settlement	11	
Diocum case settlement	11	TU
Total	\$557	40
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Highways and Bridges.		
Paid James Martin (old bill)	\$8	50
Forest May, Road Commissioner	610	
Orders of Road Commissioner, as follows:	010	20
C. R. Stedman	1	30
Geo. A. Stevens	19	
	22	
S. W. Hyde		00
E. Deland	12	
		40
E. D. Whitney	-	00
II. B. Smith.		00
		00
James McManus	12	
B. S. Carrington		50
C. H. Scott		35
W. H. Hart		
II. W. Langdon's bill	9	49
m . 1	<b>\$700</b>	0.0
Total	\$726	00

STATE ROAD.		
Paid C. W. Gregory	\$396	02
M. H. Pease (dynamite, etc.)	14	00
Geo. D. Goodrich (tile)	3	50
Total	\$413	52
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CEMETERIES.	Ø1.9	یے ہ
Paid Earl Loom (labor)	\$13	90
Chas. Scott (poles)	9	
B. S. Carrington (posts)	_	00
James McManus		00
Henry C. Stedman		00
Total	\$85	60
Town Officers.		
Paid A. W. Brett, School Committee	\$35	0.0
Mrs. C. M. Gregory, School Committee	20	
Forest May, School Committee	10	
George W. Morse, Assessor	35	
Bert E. Tryon, Assessor	15	00
Chas. H. Scott, Assessor	15	00
George L. Keyes, Selectman	30	
C. W. Gregory, Selectman	22	
R. C. Brett, Selectman	10	
M. V. Thomson, care of hearse	10	00
M. V. Thomson, Moderator	2	50
G. L. Keyes, Overseer of Poor	13 7	50
C. W. Gregory, Overseer of Poor D. C. Tryon, Cattle Inspector	42	
J. H. Bills, Constable	7	
H. W. Langdon, Town Clerk	15	
H. W. Langdon, Registrar of Voters		00
C. W. Gregory, Registrar of Voters		00
G. L. Keyes, Registrar of Voters		00
W. F. Miner, Treasurer	15	00
W. F. Miner, Tax Collector	50	00.
W. F. Miner, Sealer of Weights and Meas-		
ures	2	0.0

	A. J. Hall, election officer	2	00
	W. S. Bidwell, election officer	2	00
	Bert E. Tryon, election officer	2	00
	George W. Morse, election officer	2	00
	Geo. L. Keyes, Board of Health	2	00
	C. W. Gregory, Board of Health	1	00
	Harry Clapp, Auditor	2	00
	G. L. Keyes, Fire Warden	1	50
	Total	\$382	35
	Contingent Expenses.		
Paid	J. E. Clarey, printing reports	\$34	45
	H. W. Langdon, mortgage book	3	95
	C. H. McCarthy (damage to horse)	55	00
	Austen Peters, meat stamp	1	75
	Rent of Town Hall	25	00
	Jack Metcalf (pole straps for hearse)	2	00
	Tax on Dowd farm	21	56
	H. W. Langdon, store bill	40	91
	W. F. Miner, stamps and stationery	2	00
	George L. Keyes, stamps and stationery	7	50
	Lafayette Battelle (tax)	. 9	31
	G. L. Keyes, running town line	3	00
	C. W. Gregory, running town line	2	50
	Total	\$208	93
	STATE AID.		
Paid	A. W. Brett	\$48	00
	W. E. Bump	72	00
	Timothy Curtin	48	00
	W. Maxwell	48	00
	Sarah Gregory	48	00
	James Kinne	54	00
	M. Frost	30	00
	F. M. Nye	12	00
	Total	\$360	00

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Paid support of poor	\$557	49
State aid	360	00
Highways	1,140	51
Schools	1,596	43
Town officers	382	35
Contingent expenses	208	93
Cemeteries	85	60
Total	\$4,331	31
	<b>41,001</b>	===
Assets of Town.		
Balance in treasury	\$1,409	17
Due from Collector	338	
Due from State for tuition	212	-
Due from State for State aid	398	
Due from cattle inspection	15	-
School supplies	150	
Hearse	250	~ ~
Scales	40	
Road tools	290	
Safe.	130	
Title to Dowd farm	250	
		00
Hay at Dowd farm	10	00
Total	\$3,492	67
Liabilities.	φυ, τυ Δ	01
	1 070	0.0
Notes of Fund Society	1,878	90
Polones in fever of town	<b>Q1 G19</b>	71
Balance in favor of town	φ1,013	1.1

GEORGE L. KEYES, C. W. GREGORY, R. C. BRETT,

Selectmen of Monterey.

Examined and found correct.

HENRY CLAPP, Auditor.

# ROAD COMMISSIONERS' REPORT.

PAYMENTS.		
F. May (teams, \$368; labor, \$94.95)	\$462	95
E. Griswold	54	00
J. Eihorn	39	00
S. W. Hyde	22	50
G. A. Stevens	19	50
A. Maxwell	13	12
B. S. Carrington	12	75
W. S. Bidwell	12	44
J. McManus	9	00
H. W. Langdon	5	49
Geo. B. O'Connor	5	00
Wm. Hart	6	35
E. D. Whitney	4	40
C. R. Stedman	4	30
E. Loom	4	50
J. Gregory	3	00
A. Barnum	3	00
S. Maxwell	3	00
J. Griswold	2	75
C. Wellman	2	70
E. Deland	4	
C. Scott	2	50
H. B. Smith	2	00
W. & J. Martin (75c. each)	1	50
Repairs, etc	7	80
_		
	\$707	
Balance due town	10	94
_	\$718	49
	7	

•		RECEIPTS.		,
ORDI	ERS.	Brought up.		
\$75	00	\$587 27		
4	40	12 75		
125	00	9 00		
200	00	2 50		
4	30	2 00		
19	50	6 35		
132	57	5 49		
22	50	12 44		
4	00	77 69		
		3 00		
\$587	27			
Total	• • •		\$718	49
To balance due town	C		\$10	94
By labor		r. 	0	75
Бу тарог	• • •	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •		10
Balance due tov	vn.		\$2	19

FORREST MAY, Road Comm.

Examined and found correct.

HARRY CLAPP, Auditor. Per G. L. K.

# REPORT OF MONTERY FREE LIBRARY.

During the past year the trustees have been seriously hampered in their work by their inability to secure a librarian. Thanks are due to Mrs. H. W. Langdon for caring for the library during the busy summer months. In the autumn a librarian was secured, and the affairs of the library have moved more smoothly.

The trustees have recently purchased 25 new books, which are now in circulation.

No catalogue slips have been added since 1900, and there is great need of them for the convenience of patrons. The supply of cards is also exhausted, and needs to be renewed at once.

Since the library was opened it has grown from about 400

to 1,200 volumes. It must therefore be obvious to all that the care of it has more than doubled. While this has been going on the salary of the librarian has never been increased. It seems reasonable, therefore, that a small increase should be made in order to secure a person with some experience. In view of these things, the trustees respectfully ask that you will grant an appropriation of \$50, instead of the \$40 which you have always so generously allowed.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

E. D. HARMON, Chairman of Trustees.

Monterey, March 14, 1904.

# LIST OF JURORS.

Bert E. Tryon
Charles E. Scott
George L. Keyes
Forrest May

Arthur S. Barnum
Frank M. Harmon
James L. Twing
Jasper H. Bills

### EXTRACTS FROM TOWN WARRANT.

Art. 1. Choose a moderator.

Art. 2. Act upon reports after hearing them.

Art. 3. Elect necessary town officers.

Art. 4. To accept list of jurors.

Art. 5. Appropriations for contingent expenses, poor, salaries, schools.

Art. 6. Appropriation for highways.

Art. 7. Adopt manner of collecting taxes.

Art. 8. Appropriation for library.

Art. 9. Vote on license.

Art. 10. Authorize treasurer to borrow money.

Art. 11. To appropriate money for sinking fund.

Art. 12. To expend highway appropriation in town. Art. 13. To vote in regard to the Harmon schoolhouse.

Art. 14. To adopt a better method of warning town meetings.

Art. 15. To adopt single ballots.

Art. 16. To see if town will observe Memorial Day.

Art. 17. To rescind statute in relation to highway surveyor.

Art. 18. To vote on disposition of highway appropriation.

Art. 19. To instruct officers in regard to appropriations.

Art. 20. To discontinue highways.

Art. 21. To take action in regard to the town school fund.

# REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Your committee does not deem it necessary to write a report, but refer you to the Superintendent's report. The schools speak for themselves. They are healthy and the pupils are advancing rapidly. We will give you the financial report.

# FINANCIAL STATEMENT. APPROPRIATIONS.

State fund For teachers Town appropriation Dog tax State ward Rent of Hall Memorial Day Sale of supplies	\$1,129 100 1,000 63 3 11	00 00 70 50 00
	\$2,318	86
Paid A. H. Keyes	\$320	00
Paid Gt. Barrington	\$356	00
TEACHERS.		
Paid Miss Emma L. Bullock	\$288 224	

Miss Amy Loom. Miss Mary Marti	187 n187	
	*\$886	00
т	RANSPORTATION.	
	\$72	00
		00
		88
Smith Ariel (last	year's bill, 1902) 5	00
	\$265	88
	OKS AND SUPPLIES.	
Paid A. H. Keyes	\$157	57
	FUEL.	
Paid A. W. Brett for	wood \$25	00
	for wood	00
	$\operatorname{pod}$	
		50
	awing wood	
	indlings	$\begin{array}{c} 25 \\ 25 \end{array}$
Geo. Stevens for	shavings	20
	\$56	40
PEPAIRS AND	PERMANENT IMPROVEMENTS.	
· ·		13
Thomas & Palme	r, material	
	repairs	
	ason work	00
J. T. Griswold,	repairs	90
E. Kinne, repair	s	75
	-	. 25
		10
J. A. Brewer, m	aterial 2	25
	\$79	09

## INCIDENTALS.

INCIDENTALS.		
Paid cleaning schoolhouses	\$7	50
Amy Loom, making fires and care of room.	5	00
Mary Martin, making fires and care of		
room	5	00
Sarah Downs, making fires and care of		
room	. 3	50
Chester Burrows, making fires	5	00
Bert Johnson, making fires (last year's bill)	2	50
Agnes Martin, care of room	4	50
Memorial Day expenses	10	00
H. W. Langdon, merchandise	10	42
J. E. Clarey, printing, etc	3	75
E. Kinne, moving supplies	1	00
Care and distribution of supplies	8	00
Town of Sandisfield, schooling children		
1900-1902	8	33
Mrs. C. M. Gregory, census and work	4	00
J. T. Griswold for work		50
Wm. Maxwell for work		75
Cartage, etc	2	50
Postage, stationery, etc	2	00
_		
	\$84	25
SUMMARY OF MONEY EXPENDED.		
Paid tuition to Gt. Barrington	\$356	00
Superintendent	320	00
Teachers' salaries	886	00
Transportation	265	88
Books and supplies	157	57
Fuel	56	40
Repairs and permanent improvements	79	
Incidentals	84	25
_		
	\$2,205	19

Total appropriations	\$2,318 2,205	86° 19
To be reimbursed	\$113 362	
Balance	\$475	67

A. W. BRETT, C. M. GREGORY, FOREST MAY,

Committee.

#### SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

To the School Committee of Monterey:

I have the honor to submit to you my third annual report. I would call your attention first to the statistical table of your schools, which shows, as far as numbers can, the condition of the schools. It is a pleasure to note the fact that you have retained your teachers in each school for the full year. Nothing is more harmful to schools than to lose good teachers at the end of each term, for however good a teacher may be, when she first enters a school, it takes two or three weeks for her to become acquainted with the children and their natures, to find out the condition and position of each pupil and to know the systematic routine work. Therefore it is always profitable for a town to retain good teachers, though there may be a small expense of increase of salary connected therewith.

The total number enrolled in your schools for each term is as follows: Spring Term, 69; Fall Term, 76; Winter Term, 68. The average membership is: Spring Term, 64.5; Fall Term, 66.8; Winter Term, 60.4. The average attendance in Spring Term, 59.0; Fall Term, 58.9; Winter Term, 52.1. The average per cent. of attendance is: Spring Term, 90\frac{3}{4}; Fall Term, 89; Winter Term, 86\frac{1}{4}. This is a creditable record for your schools, and shows that the teachers have been interested in the attendance. Especially noticeable is the Corashire school, with the excellent record for the three

terms of 96%, 94% and 90%. From the examination of the above facts it can be seen that the Spring Term is the best term for attendance, and the Winter Term the worst. The poor attendance in winter is caused by the cold and stormy weather and the greater prevalence of contagious diseases during this season. It would be advantageous, then, to make the Spring and Fall Terms as long as possible and the Winter Term shorter. The Spring Term could be made 13 weeks by commencing the first week of April and closing the first of July. The Fall Term could possibly be made a week longer by commencing a little earlier. The school year should be made 33 weeks to meet the requirements of the State law of 160 days' sessions, including legal holidays.

Another fact in the table should also be noticed, the number of cases of tardiness each term: Spring Term, 86; Fall Term, 185; Winter Term, 167. This record should be improved. The number even of the Spring Term is too large, and certainly so for the Fall and Winter Terms. The teacher should make the school so interesting that the children will feel that they must be on time; the teacher should visit the parents and prevail upon them to send their children just a little earlier, and the parents should feel that every moment of school life is precious to their children, and that by seeing that they are in school on time they are teaching the great principle of punctuality, which is so essential to their success.

The number of cases of dismissal is about what other

schools have, and is in no way remarkable.

Another interesting fact connected with the statistical table is that nearly all of the children that attend school are between 7 and 14 years of age. The Fall and Winter Terms have but 9 children that are younger or older than these limits, and the Spring Term but 10 children. Nearly all of the children over 14 years old either go to the Gt. Barrington High School or leave school to go to work.

In books and supplies your schools are fairly well equipped at the present time. The maps that you have placed in your schools this year are and will be of great value to the teachers in geography and history, as these subjects can be made more vivid to the children. Some of the books are getting quite old and out of date, and need to be replaced by more recent books. This is especially true of the language books and the arithmetics. There should also be a few more sets of supplementary readers and some charts for the teaching of

physiology.

The school buildings have received quite a little attention this year and are in better repair. At present the Center and the Morse buildings need new floors laid over the old ones. The Morse building needs repairs on the outside. The Pond district building ought to have a few general repairs, and all of the buildings but the Center school should be painted. It pays to keep the buildings well painted and in good repair, as they last so much longer, and now, as the State is so generous in its contributions to the support of schools in the small towns, the towns on their part should have good buildings and the best of teachers. It is true that none of the State contributions can be used for the repair of buildings, but a small amount can be taken of the town's appropriation each year without reducing the amount of State support.

A few words of explanation should be given about the change in State law in the apportionment of the income of the Massachusetts school fund. Now the smaller towns receive their portion of the whole of the fund rather than onehalf, as under the old law. Towns of the valuation of Monterey will receive a lump sum out of this fund of \$500 each year, and, in addition, if the town expends for schools one-sixth of what she expends for all purposes, she will receive from the remaining income of the school fund after these lump sums are deducted her proportion expressed by the fraction one-sixth; if she expends for schools one-fifth of her whole expenditures she receives from the income the proportion expressed by the fraction one-fifth; if she expends for schools one-fourth or one-third of her whole expenditures, her proportion will be expressed by these fractions respectively. It is to be carefully noted that these fractions are not obtained from the appropriations which the town makes in the spring, but from the amount of money that the town actually expends for schools and other purposes. The town of Monterey might raise \$1,200 for their schools, and unless they expended it upon their schools they would not receive a large fraction of the State income. A year ago the town received from the State from the income of the Massachusetts school fund \$300; this year \$1,129.86. The difference is to be explained in this way: As but one-half the income of the fund was divided among the small towns last year, the lump sum was \$300, instead of \$500 for the present year; besides, this town two years ago did not expend upon the schools an amount equal to one-sixth of the whole expenditures, and therefore did not receive anything in addition to the \$300. This last year it expended upon schools \$1,278.65, upon the support of poor \$510.01, upon highways and bridges \$1,410.35, upon the town officers \$356.49, upon contingent expenses \$259.90; total, \$3,815.40. One-third of the total is \$1,271.80, so the town expended for schools a little more than one-third of the amount of its total expenditures, and was placed in the one-third class.

The amounts received by each class this year from the State in addition to the lump sums are as follows: The one-sixth class \$314.92, the one-fifth class \$377.91, the one-fourth class \$472.39, the one-third class \$629.86.

As Monterey belonged to the one-third class she received \$500, plus \$629.86, or \$1,129.86. Had she expended \$11 less upon her schools she would have gone into the one-fourth class and received \$157.47 less from the State. It behooves the town, then, to be liberal with her schools, to pay the teachers well, to furnish the schools with all needed books and supplies, and to pay such prices for transportation so that the children can be carried very comfortably.

In regard to the teachers, I should advise that a graded scale of wages be adopted, based upon efficiency and length of service; that teachers doing satisfactory work should, after two years' service, receive \$1 more a week each year until a maximum of \$10 a week is reached; that town girls be employed as teachers when, as now, suitable ones can be found in Monterey or in adjoining towns, and that these teachers be encouraged to fit themselves still better for the work by professional training in normal schools.

In regard to transportation, it seems to me that it would be wise to get better teams, covered ones if possible, and pay a little larger compensation for such services. It need not cost

on any more since the State is so liberal in the help he smaller towns.

committee have been very liberal in purchasing for the all needed books and supplies. The future needs of cols I have already mentioned in a previous paragraph, children of the schools are gaining in mental power ear to year; they are more enthusiastic and have a r desire for education. Quite a large number are takigh school course at Gt. Barrington, and still more will ed to this number as the pupils finish the grammar course.

its present generous appropriations and expenditures ools Monterey can have as strong schools as any rural f the State. Good progress has been made and the

ets are excellent for the future.

losing my work as superintendent of your schools, I you very much for the courtesy and kindness you have tended to me and the loyal support you have given me work. Through you I would also express my appreof the teachers of your town, who have seconded every or the betterment of the schools.

-Respectfully submitted,

A. H. KEYES, Supt.

Statistical Table of the Schools of Monterey, 1903=4.

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Number of times dismissed	7040	116	₩ <b>4</b> 60	ರ್. ⊶ ಐಾ
Number of times	6 49 87	83.83	97.6	27. 104. 88.
Percent. of attendance	888	988	848	889
Average attendance	13.5	20.0 19.5 16.8	15.4 16.4 18.6	10.0
Average membership	14.6	22.0 22.3 19.9	15.9 17.6 20.9	12.0
Number over 15 years	000	100	00%	0 ==
Number under 5 years	000	000	100	000
Number between 7 and 14 years	15	2222	500	921
Number between 5 and 15 years	15	882	388	545
Whole number enrolled	17 17 9	22.22	233	55 55
Number of weeks in each term	===	525	250	555
Terms	Spring Fall Winter	Spring Fall Winter	Spring Fall Winter	Spring Fall Winter
Teachers.	Amy T. Loom	Emma L. Bullock	Sarah E. Downs	Mary E. Martin
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Schools.	Morse	Center	Corashire	Pond





Mr. and Mrs. Julius D. Muner

# ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

### **OFFICERS**

OF THE TOWN OF

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FOR YEAR ENDING MARCH 13,

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Great Barrington, Mass.:
BERKSHIRE COURIER PRESS.
1905.



#### TREASURER'S REPORT. #

		WILLIAM F. MINER, Treasurer.		
1904			Dr.	
N T = 1 = 1 =	9.0	To balance in treasury from 1903	\$1,409	17
March	26	Rec'd from Forrest May, road commis-	9	10
June	c	sioner for 1903, overdrawn account	2	19
June	0	Rec'd by J. L. Keyes from Humane So-	20	00
		ciety	311	
Aug.	12	Rec'd reimbursement for cattle inspector.	15	
rug.	12	Rec'd reimbursement for education of	10	00
	2.70	State charity children	10	50
Sept.		Rec'd from tax collector balance of ac-		-, 0
1		count for 1902	21	99
Oct.	21	Rec'd from State Treasurer by Augustus		
		R. Smith, reimbursement for Superin-		
		tendent of Schools	205	00
Dec.	8	Rec'd from County Treasurer, bounty on		
		wild cat	5	00
	12	Rec'd from State Treasurer, corporation	405	A =
	10	tax	105	95
	12	Rec'd from State Treasurer, National	23	ON
	10	Bank tax	398	
	10	Rec'd from State Treasurer, reimburse-	990	00
	12	ment of tuition of children in small		
		towns	293	00
190	<u>.</u>			
Tan.		Rec'd from County Treasurer, dog fund	91	52
March	3	Rec'd from Mrs. C. Gregory for school		
•		supplies		68
		Rec'd rent of schoolhouse hall	14	00
		Rec'd from school committee, reimburse-		
		ment	357	39
	6	Rec'd from G. L. Keyes, for hay on Dowd		0.0
		farm		00
		Rec'd from tax collector for 1904	3,449	89
			\$6,740	88

	WILLIAM F. MINER, Treasurer.	
1904.		Cr.
June 7	By paying M. V. Thomson, treasurer of	
	Fund Society, interest on note to	010.04
	May 1	\$16 84
Oct. 1	By paying M. V. Thomson, treasurer of	ON FO
0.0	Fund Society, interest on two notes	37 50
26	By paying county tax	424 52
Nov. 24	By paying H. Perry Fargo bounty on wild	5 00
Dec 19	Cat	200 00
1905.	By paying State tax	200 00
Jan. 2	By paying M. V. Thomson, Treasurer of	
_	Fund Society, interest on five notes	58 40
Jan. 17	By paying H. Clapp, library trustee, order.	50 00
	By paying abatements for 1903	7 50
	By paying abatement of Mary M. Sted-	W 00
	man for 1904	7 00
	By paying abatement of Mrs. A. I. Hecht	40.00
	for 1904	10 87
	Discount allowed on taxes	65 22
	Paying selectmen's orders	4,165 22
	Balance in treasury	1,692 81
		\$6,740 88
March	8th, 1905.	
	ned and found correct.	
	HENRY CLAPP,	Auditor.
	Treasurer's Report of Income of Massachusetts School Fun	ıd.
1904. March	Balance in treasury from 1903	Dr. \$258-17
1905.	Dalance in treasury from 1905	\$298 17
Jan.	To receiving income of Masssachusetts	
	school fund	
		\$1,360 51
		Cr.
	By paying School Committee orders	\$957 67
	Balance in treasury	402 84
		Ø1 000 F1
		\$1,360 51
	8th, 1905.	
Exami	ned and found correct.	
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HENRY CLAPP, Auditor.

#### SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

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	Support of Poor.		
Paid	Ellen Olmstead	\$56	00
	Dr. Chapin, medical attendance	3	00
	Mrs. De Witt Heath, for Martha Pomeroy	120	00
	Total	\$179	00
	State Aid.		
Paid	A. W. Brett	\$48	
	W. E. Bump	72	00
	G. W. Shultiss	45	00
	Sarah J. Gregory	48	00
	William Maxwell	68	00
	Chas. O. Benedict	36	00
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	Total	\$317	00
T) 1.1	Memorial Day.	011	
Paid	H. P. Fargo	\$11	
	H. W. Langdon	11	25
	(F. ) 1	022	0.0
	Total	\$55	0.4
	Cemeteries.		
Paid	Earl Loom, labor	\$3	10
1 alu	Emmett Goeway, labor		62
	H. C. Stedman, labor		00
	G. L. Keyes, fence posts		55
	G. L. Reyes, Tence posts	•)	•)•)
	Total	\$15	57
	Snow Bills.		
	1904.		
D-:4		¢1	00
Paid	William Hart	\$4	50
	Forrest May		00
	James McManus	Э	00
	1905.	1	co
	John W. Gregory		62
	H. B. Smith		
	Ellery G. Heath		00
	William Hart	_	00
	William S. Bidwell	2	50
	Charles H. Scott	2	00

B. E. Tryon	2	00
George Bunce		62
Elmer Kinne		25
Ed. Stedman	1	87
London Clark		00
C. W. Gregory		48
G. L. Keyes		50
W. B. Hall		00
Forrest May		00
H. P. Fargo		00
H. J. Rogers		00
Clarence Wellman		90
Clarence Weimian	1	90
Total	\$79	9.1
10tal	\$19	~±
Town Officers.		
Paid George W. Morse, Assessor	\$4.5	30
Bert. E. Tryon, Assessor	15	00
Charles H. Scott, Assessor		00
A. W. Brett, School Committee		00
B. E. Tryon, election officer		00
George W. Morse, election officer		
W. S. Bidwell, election officer		00
A. J. Hall, election officer	2	00
Mrs. C. W. Gregory, School Committee		00
Herbert B. Smith, school committee		00
M. V. Thomson, care of hearse		50
M. V. Thomson, Moderator	2	50
D. C. Tryon, Inspector of Cattle and Beef	20	00
H. W. Langdon, Town Cloub	16	00
H. W. Langdon, Town Clerk	10	-
Henry Clapp, Auditor	2	
George L. Keyes, Selectman		00
George L. Keyes, Overseer of the Poor	3	00
George L. Keyes, Register of Voters	5	
C. W. Gregory, Selectman	20	
C. W. Gregory, Overseer of Poor	2	00
C. W. Gregory, Register of Voters	4	00
P. C. Harmon, Selectman	10	00
W. F. Miner, Treasurer	. 15	
W. F. Miner, Collector	50	00
W. F. Miner, Sealer of Weights and Measures	3	00
Jasper H. Bills, Constable	. 7	50
Total	. \$357	80

#### Schools.

Schools.	<b>#</b> 4 000	00
Paid orders of School Committee	\$1,983	09
Highways and Bridges.		
Paid Clarence Wellman	\$3	25
John C. Martin	16	
James Martin	640	00
George A. Stevens, plank	51	86
Thomas & Palmer, tile	22	80
F. G. Heath	4	50
Henry J. Rogers	10	00
Henry T. Webb	8	12
Henry Woods	8	85
George L. Keyes, plank	12	94
George L. Keyes, labor	11	00
P. C. Harmon	20	
James McManus	20	00
Charles McCarthy	1	50
J. C. Hyde	3	00
Fred Martin	3	00
B. S. Carrington	5	00
A. J. Hall	3	00
H. C. Stedman	1	25
William Hart	2	00
Clarence Hart	3	00
Total	\$851	31
Contingent Expenses.		
Paid J. E. Clarey, printing reports	\$37	50
Insurance on Library	7	
William Hart, repairs on plow		25
James W. Bossidy, officer's fees		56
Ousatonic Water Co	125	
Rent of basement	25	
S. C. Warriner, insurance	46	
Joyner & Whiting, Town Counsel		00
Taxes on Dowd farm	Met. 45	12
Lafayette Battelle, tax	7	
H. W. Langdon, store bill		34
Libby Miner, tax	1	
George L. Keyes, Justice fees		00
George L. Keyes, stamps and stationery	-	50
W. F. Miner, stamps and stationery	2	
11. 1. miner, stamps and stationery		
Total	\$359	54
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#### Recapitulation.

Support of poor	\$179	00
State aid	317	00
Memorial Day expense	22	67
Cemeteries	15	57
Snow bills	79	24
Schools	1,983	09
Highways and bridges	851	31
Town officers	357	80
Contingent expense	359	54
Total	\$4.165	22
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Assets of Town.		
Balance in treasury	\$1,692	81
Due from Collector	318	
Due from State for tuition	297	
Due from State for State aid	317	
Due from State for cattle inspection	14	
School supplies	150	
Hearse	250	
Scales	40	
Road tools	290	00
Safe	130	
Title to Dowd farm	250	00
Total,	\$3,749	06
Liabilities.		
Notes due Fund Society	1,878	96
Balance in favor of town	\$1,870	10
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GEORGE L. KEYES, CHAS. W. GREGORY, P. C. HARMON,

Selectmen of Monterey.

March 6th, 1905.

HENRY CLAPP, Auditor.

#### Jurers for 1905.

List of Jurors proposed by the Selectmen for the ensuing year:

Bert. E. Tryon, Chas. H. Scott, F. M. Harmon, James L. Twing, M. C. Berlepsch. Edw. S. Carrington, Arthur S. Barnum, John M. Enoe.

#### ROAD COMMISSIONERS' REPORT.

Sundry Payments.		
William Hart	\$1	50
C. Kimberley	1	00
A. W. Brett		50
F. Martin	20	50
J. Cocane	3	00
R. Stedman	4	10
C. Scott	7	00
Thomas & Palmer	39	71
S. Battech	1	50
J. Griswold	3	00
E. Goewey	_	25
W. Pixley	1	50
Platt & Turner	1	35
J. Twing	3	00
W. B. Hall	5	00
Ed. Stedman	6	37
J. Gregory	6	50
L. Clark	1	75 40
A. Whitney	-	79
W. S. Bidwell	35 3	00
John Hyde	1	00
J. Enoe E. Kinne	1	37
J. Bills.	7	00
F. Pierson.	7	75
T. Tierson		10
Total	\$151	84
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Days' Work.		
F. May	\$140	00
J. Martin	113	50
C. McCarty.	117	00

John Curtin. F. Pierson. E. Stedman. J. Gregory. J. Cocane. J. Martin, horse.	48 6 7	
Total	\$504	75
Summary.		
Days' work	\$504 151	
Total payments	\$656	59
O. K.  HENRY CLAPP, March 11, 1905.	Auditor	

#### REPORT OF MONTEREY FREE LIBRARY.

In the last annual report it was suggested that, as the library had largely increased its number of books, and that as the labor of caring for them was much increased, it would be advisable and reasonable to increase the salary of the Librarian. An appropriation of \$50 was asked and generously granted. On the first of August the Librarian's salary was increased from \$10 to \$15 per year. The Trustees ask that you will grant them \$50 the present year in order that the present good work

of the library may be continued.

During the summer, by the efforts of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Clapp of the Trustees, and some of their guests, the sum of \$30 was raised for the benefit of the library. The Misses Helen and Jessie Townsend and Miss Mary M. Stedman devoted much time during the summer to the thorough renovation of the library room. It was neatly papered, the shelves stained, and a new oil cloth placed on the floor. The back room was newly shelved, and the large number of public documents and State books have been placed there, thus giving ample space for the circulating library.

About 50 new books have recently been added to the library. To make this selection, the Trustees have gone over book reviews, lists and catalogues, and have endeavored to make the

best selection possible to suit the various tastes of patrons and the limited amount of funds at their disposal. A week later, after the new books had been added, only two or three were to be found on the shelves.

Thanks are due to the Woman's Education Association for

another Travelling Library.

The Trustees desire to thank all friends who have in any way

aided the library in its work.

We would call the attention of some of the younger patrons to the "Rules and Regulations," to be found in the red covered catalogue.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

E. D. HARMON, Chairman Trustees.

Monterey, March 11th, 1905.

#### EXTRACTS OF TOWN WARRANT.

Art. 1. To choose a moderator.

Art. 2. To hear and act on reports of town officers.

Art. 3. To elect town officers separately or all on one ballot.

Art. 4. To elect all necessary town officers.

Art. 5. To vote on list of Jurors

Art. 65 To appropriate money for contingent expenses, support of poor, salaries of town officers, the support of schools, maintenance of highways and bridges, the expenses of library, and for any other purpose thought necessary for the ensuing year.

Art. 7. To adopt manner of collecting taxes.

Art. 8. Vote on license.

Art. 9. To authorize Treasurer to borrow money, if needed.

Art. 10. To appropriate money for a sinking fund.

Art. 11. To appropriate money for the observance of Memorial Day.

Art. 12. To see if town will elect a Road Commissioner for five

Art. 13. To see if town will sell its real estate.

Art. 14. To see if town will refund to O. T. Stedman damage caused by snow.

Art. 15. To see if town will vote to buy or lease the reservoir property owned by the Ousatonic Water Co., in this town.

# REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF MONTEREY.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT. Appropriations.

Appropriations.		
For Schools	\$1,050	.00
Dox tax	91	52
Tuition of State ward	10	50
Rent of Hall	14	00
Sale of supplies		68
	\$1,166	70
Teachers' Wages,		
Paid Miss Amy Loom	\$144	00
Miss Sarah Downs	150	
	147	
Miss Mary Martin	134	
Miss Olive Foote		00
Miss Louise May	90	00
	\$631	00
	- poor	==
Transportation.		
Paid H. B. Smith	\$84	00
Charles Kimberly	87	
J. L. Twing	38	00
E. G. Heath	20	12
Mrs. Henry Rodgers	10	12
	\$239	74
	\$200	11
Text Books and Supplies.		
Paid E. E. Babb & Co	\$61	38
American Book Co	68	12
D. C. Heath & Co	4	00
Ginn & Co	2	00
Houghton, Mifflin & Co	2	00
Milton Bradley	4	54
	\$142	04
Fwel.		
Paid A. W. Brett, wood	\$24	00
William Pixley, wood	1	00
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S. B. Carrington, wood	4	00 25
	\$37	25
Repairs and Permanent Improvements.		
Paid G. W. Gregory, painting	\$60	00
W. W. Welch & Co., desks	77	95
Thomas & Palmer, materials	105	67
J. E. Everitt, repairs	26	20
George Bunce, repairs	26	50
H. B. Smith, repairs	1	00
A. W. Brett, repairs	9	00
A. W. Brett, lumber and other material	5	00
B. E. Tryon, lath		40
Hammer Bros., stove pipe and damper		60
William Barnum, fixing stove		10
J. A. Brewer, rope and hardware	3	54
Great Barrington Building Co., glass		50
	\$316	46
Miscellaneous.		
Paid cleaning schoolhouses	\$6	00
C. Burrows, making fires	2	00
Mary Martin, making fires	2	00
Gertrude Enoe, care of rooms	3	00
Abbie Harmon, care of room	1	50
J. W. Gregory, care of schoolhouse hall,	2	00
William Maxwell, picking up shingle	2	10
William Maxwell, mowing grass	1	25
A. W. Brett, labor	20	00
A. W. Brett, labor, with team	20	00
C. R. Stedman, work		10
Berkshire Courier, printing	2	25
C. M. Gregory, care and distribution of supplies		00
C. M. Gregory, census		00
Express, freight and cartage	29	90
Postage, stationery, etc	2	50
	\$107	60
Paid Superintendent of Schools	\$212	00
Great Barrington High School, tuition	297	00
	<b>\$</b> 509	00

Summary of Money Expended.

Summary of Money Expended,		
Paid teachers' wages	\$631	00
Transportation	239	74
Text books and supplies	142	04
Fuel	37	25
Repairs and permanent improvements		46
Miscellaneous	107	60
Superintendent of Schools and tuition		00
Superintendent of Schools and fullion	909	
	\$1,983	09
Total expenditures	\$1,983	00
Town to be reimbursed	509	
Town to be remibursed	900	00
	\$1,474	00
Total appropriations		
Total appropriations	1,100	417
Balance overdrawn	\$307	39
Consequences of the consequence		
REPORT TO THE STATE BOARD OF EDU	CATIO	N.
Resources.		
Unexpended balance of 1904	\$258	17
State School fund	1,102	34
	Φ1 9.0Λ	F 4
=	\$1,360	16
Teachers' Wages,		
Paid Miss Amy Loom	\$121	60
Sarah Downs		
Olive Foote		
Louise May	. 77	UU
		00
	28	
Della Tryon	28	00
	28	00
	28 32	00
Della Tryon   Transportation.	28 32	00 00 10
Della Tryon	28 32 \$373	00 00 10 00
Della Tryon. = Transportation. Paid H. B. Smith R. C. Brett.	\$373 \$373 \$61 32	00 00 10 00
Della Tryon. = Transportation.  Paid H. B. Smith. R. C. Brett. E. G. Heath.	\$373 \$373 \$61 32	00 00 10 00 00 00 50
Della Tryon. = Transportation.  Paid H. B. Smith. R. C. Brett. E. G. Heath. J. L. Twing.	\$373 \$373 \$61 32 2	00 00 10 00 00 50 00
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Della Tryon. = Transportation.  Paid H. B. Smith. R. C. Brett. E. G. Heath. J. L. Twing.	\$373 \$373 \$61 32 2 22	00 00 10 00 00 00 50 00 50

#### Fuel.

Paid A. J. Hall, wood	\$30	
G. L. Keyes, wood		37
J. W. Gregory, sawing wood	9	00
E. D. Harmon, sawing wood	, 3	00
	\$51	37
Books and Supplies.		
Paid H W Landon cupation	011	10
Paid H. W. Langdon, supplies	\$11	
E. D. Harmon, books	13	43
-		.1. 16
	\$26	71
Miscellaneous.		
Paid Chester Burrows, building fires	\$6	50
Clarence Martin, building fires		50
Miss Olive Foote, building fires		00
Miss Louise May, care of room, building fires		20
Miss Gertrude Enoe, care of room, building		
fires	3	20
Miss Abbie Harmon, care of room	1	20
Miss Agnes Martin, care of room	1	50
	\$19	10.
	\$10	10
Paid Town Treasurer, balance overdrawn	\$357	39
Summary of Money Expended.		
Teachers' wages	\$373	10
Transportation	130	
Fuel		37
Books and supplies	26	71
Misceilaneous	19	10
Town Treasurer	357	39
	\$957	67
	T - 2 4	
Total resources		
Total expenditures		
1	\$402	84

On making up balance overdrawn, an error in town appropriation of \$50, calling it \$1,000 instead of \$1,050, making balance overdrawn \$307.39, instead of \$357.39......

\$50 00

Balance

\$452 84

E. D. HARMON, C. M. GREGORY, H. B. SMITH,

Committee.

Examined and found correct.

HENRY CLAPP, Auditor.

March 5th, 1905.

#### SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

To the School Committee of the town of Monterey:-

I have the honor to submit my first report of your schools

for the five months from September 6 to February 6.

Few strictly rural towns with ungraded or multigraded schools can make a better showing as to the work of their schools and its results than yours. Especially will this be felt, as it seems to me, when the meagre property valuation of the town is taken into account. With the very limited amount of money available locally or from all sources for school purposes in the town it is difficult to see how a better condition of school affairs could be maintained than actually exists to-day. The most important and most evident feature in this fortunate status of school interests is the presence of an efficient and enthusiastic corps of teachers, whose earnestness and zeal in the work are worthy of all commendation.

Of the teachers employed during the year all but one are residents of the town, and of these a majority have enjoyed, in our State Normal Schools, a certain measure of special technical preparation for the work and the duties of the schoolroom, and all the others are looking forward to such a course of training in the near future. This fact is due in large measure to the wise policy of school committees in the past, whilst employing home girls in the schools of the town, to encourage and expect them to qualify themselves, sooner or later, in this special way, as

well as by other means, for the responsibilities of the work entrusted to them. Whether from this cause or otherwise there has at any rate grown up in the minds of all your teachers a distinctly fine professional spirit, ideal and ambition which it has

been a constant delight to observe and to cultivate.

This is a matter for measureless congratulation; for a genuine professional spirit and a lofty professional ideal on the part of its teachers is the most valuable school asset that any town or any people can have. It means insatiable hunger after improvement in the methods and the art of training youthful minds. It means work, ceaseless, unsparing work in school and out of school in pursuit of higher professional skill and attainment irrespective of any reward other than that which the sense of achievement and the satisfaction of attainment bring. It means measureless things for the future of the schools. It not only tells in the character and results of the schools to-day, but it will surely count for untold educational achievement in the years to come; and in the case of your own teachers, whilst most of them already have a commendable degree of proficiency in the teaching are yet the spirit in which all are doing their work argues an indefinite progress in skill, capacity and power for the future.

I have thus freely expressed my appreciation of the spirit and aims evinced by your teachers because I am deeply sensible that the development of a loitier spirit and ideal in relation to their work on the part of our teachers is the supreme need of our rural schools as it is the hope of the nation and its future. The lack of this is the chief hindrance to the progress of the country The Normal Schools of the state, and of the entire country, have done a noble service in awakening a true professional spirit, in creating a higher ideal of the profession and in insisting upon the most exalted standard of attainment in it. The value to a young teacher in a country school of being brought, even for a comparatively brief time, into the atmosphere and environment of such a professional training school, with the oportunity to imbibe its spirit and acquire its methods is beyond estimation as a potential factor in giving character and drection to her future development as a teacher. It is not alone that such teacher will the better know how to teach, though that may count for much, but that will the better know how to make the most of all opportunities and means for self improvement in teachprofessional spirit and ambition once truly awakened will never be permitted to slumber; and it will have intelligent direction under the guidance of fixed and abiding principles. There will be not only the indefatigable study of professional books and periodicals but also the unfailing visitation of other schools for the stimulus to be gained only by contact with other teachers and by observing their methods and temper in the performance of their work

Let it be kept always in mind that a good teacher makes a good school and a poor teacher makes a bad school, and then no pains will be spared and no policy will be left untried to secure the very best teachers whose services our means can command.

Next in importance after the teacher are the text books and other school appliances placed in the hands of the teacher with which to do the work. Here I am also pleased with the spirit of progress manifested by the authorities and people of the town in supplying the requisites of school work. A very great advance has been made during the past dozen years or so in the quality and cope of common school text books throughout the entire land. It has been the aim of the school authorities of the town not to lag behind in this regard and the list of books has been visibly enriched in recent years including a new series of general readers introduced, with very satisfactory results during the past term. The teachers are united and earnest in asking for a new text book or series in arithmetic and in this they have my cordial endorsement. The committee, I believe, are examining different new text books, submitted for that purpose, and I trust some choice will be reached before the opening of the spring term. I also feel that there is much room for improvement in the text books used in the study of English.

The course of study in our public school has been gradually and constantly enriched during the past half century until today it includes all the subjects that are vital to a sound and practical education. I regret that music and drawing, and especially the latter, cannot as yet be technically taught in the schools of the town owing to lack of means. Familiarity with the elementary principles of drawing and ability to use them with readiness and facility is now indispensable to a simply practical education; and the neglect of it or its thorough inculcation in our schools will settle the question whether we as a nation are to lead the world or fall behind in the march of industrial progress.

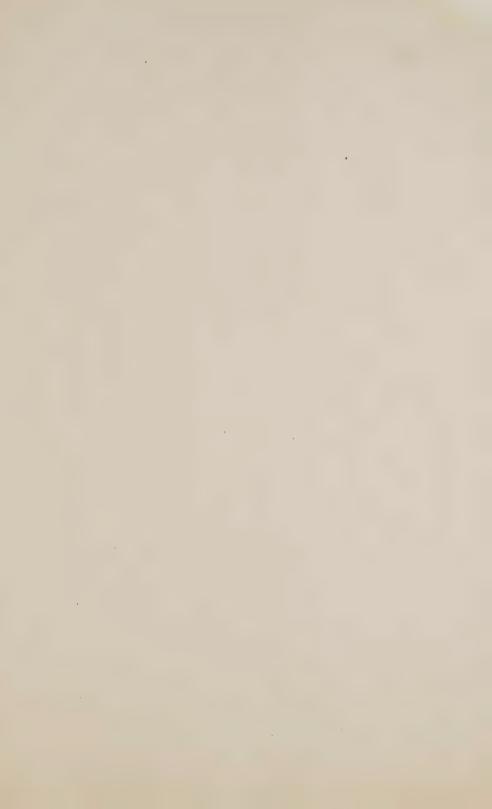
The schools of the town are giving some attention to nature study and this is assuredly the beginning of a good work. With the infinite material for such study on every hand and endless opportunity for pursuing it in the most vital and practical manner it ought to mean an unspeakable enrichment of life to the rising generation in the future as well as a most interesting and varied source of study and enjoyment in the school life of the present. A few books on each teacher's desk to serve as guides in such work will yield incalculable benefits in the lives of all the pupils.

The school property is all in good condition and gives evidence of constant care and attention on the part of the committee. During the Fall term only four buildings were in use but at the commencement of the winter term school was repended in the "Morse District" with an enrollment of eight

scholars.

The attendance has been about on a level with the average of recent years, being highest during the Fall term with a decided falling off as the cold of winter and consequent sickness increased.

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